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BARDIA NOW SURROUNDED: BRITISH GRIP IS GROWING TIGHTER: TWO ITALIAN DIVISIONS ARE PUTTING UP FIERCE RESISTANCE

THE BRITISH GRIP ON BARDIA IS GROWING TIGHTER, STATES A MESSAGE FROM LONDON. THE TOWN AND PORT ARE SURROUNDED BY THE BRITISH FORCES WHICH HAVE BEEN RUSHED UP. Two Italian divisions are holding this stronghold and are putting up a fierce resistance with the gun emplacements and tank traps and land mines which they had prepared for months. The report that the road to Tobruk has been cut is supported by British reconnaissance planes which have seen no more enemy troop movements to the west. ALL THE ITALIANS WHO DID NOT LEAVE EARLIER ARE, THEREFORE, NOW HEMMED IN IN BARDIA. The Italian position is described as precarious as in and around Bardia our armies are shattering the remnants of Italian forces.

NAVY'S PART IN THE LIBYAN FIGHTING

LONDON, Dec. 20 (GWS)—AN ADMIRALTY COMMUNIQUE giving a further account of the Navy's part in the Libyan fighting states:

"A communique issued yesterday afternoon gave an account of naval operations in co-operation with our victorious Army in the Western Desert up to Dec. 15.

"Reports since received make it possible to carry this account some days further. Both heavy and light forces of the Mediterranean Fleet carried out bombardments in the Bardia area at frequent intervals from the evening of Dec. 13 to noon on Dec. 18.

"An important part in harassing the enemy and containing defeated troops in the Bardia area. "On the afternoon of Dec. 16, one of our heavy bombardment units was unsuccessfully attacked by enemy torpedo carrying aircraft.

EXTENSIVE FIRES

"During the whole period our units were repeatedly engaged by enemy shore batteries. No hits were sustained by any of our forces. Extensive fires have been burning in Bardia since the afternoon of Dec. 15 and these assumed very large proportions on Dec. 17.

"In the early hours of that day one of our light units carried out a very close range attack on the port of Bardia, penetrating the inner harbour under heavy machine-gun fire and sinking three supply ships.

"The task of evacuating prisoners from the battle zone has been continued and aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm continued to co-operate successfully with our bombardment forces. "Naval operations in support of our armies are continuing."

JAPANESE MILITARY MISSION GOING TO GERMANY AND ITALY

TOKYO, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—A JAPANESE MILITARY MISSION, headed by Lt.-Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, Inspector-General of Army Aviation and concurrently Director-General of the Military Aviation Headquarters, will soon be proceeding to Italy and Germany, via Siberia, the War Office announced today.

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- 3 Radio, programmes; Coming events; Cinema notes.
- 4 Premier appeals for increased production; Chin-arrs pounded by artillery; R.A.F. pilots win D.S.O.
- 5 Colony visible trade; Compulsory Service Tribunal; Round the Police Courts.
- 6 Leader: Looking Ahead— to Victory.
- 7 Catholic news and notes; Church services; Volunteer Orders.

The mission is being sent in response to the invitation extended to the Japanese Army by the armies of Italy and Germany, according to the announcement which stated that the mission would proceed first to Germany and then to Italy for the purpose of studying the experiences of the present conflict.

BLITZKRIEG TACTICS It is understood that the mission will comprise of army experts in various arms who will devote their specialised attention to the various developments of modern warfare from blitzkrieg tactics to the use of new arms as well as to the innovations in soldiers' equipments. "This type of mission is the first since the last World War when

A British military spokesman, discussing the situation, said: "The Italians are in a tight corner and the operations are proceeding most satisfactorily."

It is now revealed that the British casualties are under 1,000, mostly wounded.

It was at that time that the Italians were almost swept out of Egypt and the number of Italian prisoners has now reached the enormous total of 31,000, while thousands more are said to be in the process of being escorted across the desert to the sea.

The latest reports of the fighting show that the Italians were surprised by the raid on Benina.



Sir Robert Brooke-Popham who sent a message of congratulation to General Sir Archibald Wavell.

while the British Navy's part was revealed by the Admiralty last night. Eighteen Italian planes were destroyed.

For five days and night, said the Admiralty statement, units of the British Fleet cruised along the coast and a hail of shells was showered on the shore batteries.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, Commander-in-Chief, Far East, yesterday sent a message of congratulation to Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell, saying:

"Your great victory forms a striking example of co-operation and is an incentive to us all."

Sir Archibald Wavell replied: "Co-operation was excellent and all went well."

a group of experts led by Lt.-Gen. Kamashichi Tsukuchi and Kamehara Wada proceeded to the Western Front. The result of their studies contributed largely to the improvement in equipment and arms of the Japanese Army in the subsequent period.

Bombing Of Valona By British Battleships: No Opposition

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—British battleships passed through the Straits of Otranto and bombarded Valona on the night of Dec. 18, stated an Admiralty communique.

Nearly 100 tons of high explosive shells were fired. There was no damage to British ships.

The communique states: "Light and heavy units of the Mediterranean Fleet have recently been operating in the Adriatic Sea in order to harass Italian sea communications with Albania."

"The Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet reported that on the night of Dec. 18, one cruiser and a destroyer of the fleet were in the area of the Straits of Otranto, and that they fired a total of 100 tons of high explosive shells at Valona, a vital supply port of the Italian forces in Southern Albania.

"No enemy shipping was encountered.

HEAVY BOMBING

"During the same night a force of battleships under the command of the Commander-in-Chief passed through the Straits of Otranto and carried out a heavy bombardment of Valona, a vital supply port of the Italian forces in Southern Albania.

"Nearly 100 tons of high explosive shells were fired.

"Throughout these operations no opposition from the enemy was encountered."

UNIFIED COMMAND URGED

CHUNGKING, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—Much interest is attached to this morning's leading article in the influential Chinese daily, TA-KUNGPAO, urging political unity as well as unified command of the Chinese armed forces.

It goes on to say that all the political parties and factions have publicly declared their support for the Chinese National Government, a programme of resistance and the enforcement of the "Three People's Principles" as well as the leadership of the Chinese by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Today's War Summary

THE BRITISH NAVY'S PART IN THE LIBYAN FIGHTING is described in an Admiralty communique issued yesterday which stated that both heavy and light forces of the Mediterranean Fleet carried out bombardments in the Bardia area at frequent intervals.

IT IS OFFICIALLY REVEALED THAT LIGHT AND HEAVY units of the Mediterranean Fleet have recently been operating in the Adriatic Sea in order to harass the Italian sea communication with Albania. A cruiser and a destroyer force went as far north as Bari and Durazzo.

A GREEK COMMUNIQUE ON THE FIGHTING IN ALBANIA states that the battle was continued with success. Greek aviation continued their activities which have been crowned with success in bombing military objectives.

BRITISH FORCES ARE NOW SURROUNDING BARDIA AND ARE tightening their grip on the town. Two Italian divisions are resisting fiercely but it is reported that the Italians who did not leave earlier are hemmed in in Bardia.

A JAPANESE MILITARY MISSION IS SHORTLY PROCEEDING to Italy and Germany, via Siberia, it was announced by the War Office in Tokyo yesterday. They will study blitzkrieg tactics and modern warfare.

HITLER ON THE VERGE OF MAKING ANOTHER SUDDEN MOVE: DEMAND MADE FOR USE OF FRENCH FLEET

Wilhelmstrasse Refuse To Contact Vichy Government Direct

In confirmation of the belief held in diplomatic circles that Herr Hitler is on the verge of making a sudden move, comes the report of new German demands made on the Vichy Government as a sequel to the Laval incident, states a message from London.

These demands are stated to include the unhindered passage for German troops through France to the Mediterranean, with the use of the port of Toulon, the French Fleet and the French Merchant Marine.

The Vichy Cabinet met yesterday under Marshal Petain for the second time in the last twenty-four hours.

Although absolute silence is being maintained over the reason for these sudden activities, it is believed that important developments are taking place behind the scenes.

It is now known that Herr Otto Abetz, Herr Hitler's emissary, presented certain demands which resulted in M. Laval's release from arrest and the appointment of a new Vichy representative to Paris, also thought to be concerned with the German demands.

According to a Berlin source, the Vichy Government is seeking to obtain direct contact with Herr Hitler and one newspaper said that Marshal Petain had written to Herr Hitler, but no indication is given as to what was said in the letter.

Further reports reaching London revealed that the Wilhelmstrasse refuses direct contact with Vichy and insists that all negotiations must be carried out through Herr Abetz.

It is presumed that it was to secure the acceptance of this plan that M. Laval thought to lure Marshal Petain to Paris. Diplomatic observers have no doubt now that Herr Hitler is on the verge of making another of his sudden moves and as Mr. Winston Churchill said yesterday: "The British have prepared a list, which I received this morning, of the orders which have been cleared with our army and navy and with the Defence Commission."

What can Herr Hitler do to neutralise the potential assets which will come to Britain from the United States when President Roosevelt's "hose-pipe" scheme begins to operate?

Answering this question, MR. H. WICKHAM STEED, the English author-journalist, said in a broadcast from London last night that the only course left open for Hitler was to attempt an invasion of Britain.

"This has been a week of big things," said Mr. Steed, the chief of the events of the week is the continued victories of the Army of the Nile. I said last week that the true importance of these achievements was that they had given initiative to Britain and placed the Axis on the defensive.

"This advantage has now been extended and the danger to Egypt and Suez has been removed.

"And now something more significant has happened and that

Britain Has Ordered 12 Thousand More Planes From America

The British Government has taken advantage of President Roosevelt's offer to start negotiations in the President's "Lend and Lease" plan, according to a message from London.

Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary to the U.S. Treasury, said yesterday: "The British have prepared a list, which I received this morning, of the orders which have been cleared with our army and navy and with the Defence Commission."

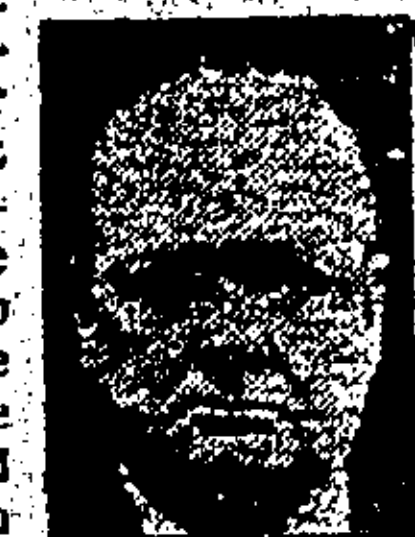
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PREMIER ON ONE OF OUR AIMS

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—"When this war is won—as it surely will be—it must be one of our aims to establish a state of society where advantages and privileges which hitherto have been enjoyed only by a few shall be far more widely shared by men and youth of the nation as a whole."

This statement was made by Mr. Winston Churchill, Prime Minister, speaking on Wednesday at his old school of Harrow.

The Premier referred to Herr Hitler's statement that the fight was between those who had been through the "Hitler school" and those who had been to Eton, but he added that Hitler overlooked that the vast majority of youth of this country never attended such schools as Eton and Harrow but had, by their skill and prowess, won the admiration of the whole world.



"LAND RACKETEERING" IN THE COLONY: BOGUS BIDDERS AT SALES

Special to Hongkong Daily Press

A highly interesting insight into the workings of what might, for want of a more descriptive name, be called "land racketeering" was unwittingly given a Hongkong Daily Press reporter by a self-confessed member of the syndicate.

In order to understand the ingenious method of these self-styled "land brokers" who operate during Crown land sales—it is necessary to explain how Crown lands are offered for sale.

Before a lot of land is advertised for sale by public auction, application has to be made by some one and the applicant has to deposit with the Land Officer the sum of \$200—irrespective of the upset price. On the date set for the sale, the applicant, or a duly authorised agent, has to be present and confirm his application by

bidding the upset price. The others present are then at liberty to bid for the land, each bid to be of not less than \$100.

Members of the "syndicate," mingling with other bona-fide intending purchasers, begin to top the last bid—whether that of the original applicant or one of the others present.

Picking out the keenest bidder, a member of the "syndicate" approaches him or her and offers, for a consideration, to drop out of the competition. Should he or she be so bold (or in the syndicate's opinion, so foolish) as to refuse the proposal, then the price is

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FIRST ENCOUNTER OF CHINESE, INDIANS TIT-BIT OF TOMORROW'S SOFTBALL

Wildcats, Redbirds Tangle In Second Round: Wahoos To Have An Easy Outing

BY R.O.Y.

WITH THE GONG SOUNDING FOR THE SECOND ROUND, THE WILDCATS TAKE THE FIELD AGAINST THE CARDINALS in the opener of tomorrow's six-game program at the Kowloon Football Club. Since taking a severe trouncing at the hands of the same opponents on opening day, the Redbirds have gained added strength through the acquisition of many useful new hands who are as eager as the old hands in looking forward to getting sweet revenge for their first round beating.

The Wildcats were nosed out by the Wahoos last week and, judging from their recent lack-a-daisical displays, will be hard put to stave off the challenge of "Colonel" Dave Walker's outfit. This they will probably do by virtue of having greater hitting power but the Redbirds will certainly make them work for the points.

The Wahoos have a push-over when they meet Chung Hwa in the second game, the latter now being firmly imbedded at the foot of the league ladder through losing to the rookie Florinias last Sunday.

The Ramblettes have improved sufficiently to hold out hopes of bettering their 6-20 defeat at the hands of the Canuckettes when they last met but a win appears to be very remote although the Canadian lassies will be without regular shortstop and skipper Jean Lee who is convalescing from an appendectomy.

MEN'S GAMES

In the senior Men's loop, the Recrelo Aces will meet with little opposition from the Canadian Chinese although the return of Bill Woo will undoubtedly inspire the Canucks to better things than they have shown all season, their weak point, a receiver to work with star hurler Herbie Quon, not yet having been rectified.

The Filipino Club are not expected to give the Cyclones undue trouble; the latter gave an impressive showing to drop a 1-0 decision to the Recrelo Aces last week and have invariably put-up a great fight when on the losing end. With victories over the Indian Softballers and Chinese Baseballers to their credit, "Sunburn" Omar's breezy boys have well justified their inclusion in the First Division.

The Filipino outfit took their lone victory against the Canucks and will probably have to wait until they meet them again before they stand a chance of increasing their score.

NIGHTCAP BATTLE-ROYAL
The best game of the day will be the nightcap between the Chinese Baseballers and the Indian Softballers at 4 p.m. This will be the first meeting of these contestants and a battle-royal should be seen with the outcome in doubt all the way.

Once again, the Lumen will have something like a full team—the team that nosed out the powerful Hongkong Baseballers—and must be conceded a slight edge over the less colourful but staid defence of the Indian lads.

Three Second Division two Hong matches are also down for decision.

THE KOWLOON KOPS
With Boxing Day but five days away, the Kowloon Police are putting all of their spare time into intensive practice sessions in preparation for their game against the Combined Ladies to be held at the K.F.C. in aid of the Bomber Fund.

Coach Downman, of the Kowloon Kops, states that in Mimi Estall and Cyclone Davitt, he has the two best fielders playing softball in Hongkong today. Busy "The Barrel" Riddell is reputed to be the squad's heaviest slugger but, judging from their nick-names the rest of the squad will give him plenty of competition. Here they come—Marcus "Ronik" Manning, "Stone" Wall, "Babe" Penfold, "Battling" Bethell, "Fin" Pile, "Detroit" Michie, "Slim" Griggs, "Blimp" Daly, Dizzy Jones, Butcher Clark, Chris "Popsicle" Downman, "Four-chai" Matches, "Red" Kelly, "Barrel" Alexander, "Scotty" Bowler, Glen Stewart, "Limy" Roberts, "Bring-em-back-alive" Johnson, Streak Medley and "Home-run" Galvin.

NO APPEAL!!!
The last-named is the subject of a notice, posted in the Tsim-sha-tui Canteen, much to the amusement of his colleagues, as well as himself, and it reads something like this—"Home-run" Galvin,

CHARITY SOCCER MATCH

For Xmas Comforts

On Sunday, Dec. 22, at the H.K. F.A. ground, the Health Division of the Medical Department will meet the Hospital Division in a football match, the proceeds from which will go towards Christmas comforts for the Chinese inmates of the various hospitals.

There will be no fixed admission charge for this match which will start at 10.30 a.m. but contributions will be gratefully received.

The following will be line-up:—
HEALTH DIVISION: Wong Wing-sum; E. J. Whitigob, E. T. Harris; M. E. Purvis, V. M. Benwell, Chung Wing-kwong; Dr. G. I. Shaw, R. A. J. Simpson, A. W. Fowler, A. W. Mackenzie, and Leung Tak-wai.

HOSPITAL DIVISION: F. Angus; Dr. D. J. Valentine, K. I. Lau; G. Yu, J. Skinner, Y. Leung; T. Pile, W. K. Lau, E. Hopkinson, L. H. Li, and M. J. Zammom. Referee: J. F. McGowan.

Fanling Golf

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY

The Royal Hongkong Golf Club starting times for Fanling tomorrow are as follows:—

OLD COURSE

- a.m.
- 9.16 Col. Rose, F. D. Hunter.
- 9.20 D. S. Edward, A. Groves.
- 9.24 R. M. Wood, A. H. McBride.
- 9.28 N. P. Fox, T. A. W.
- 9.32 J. B. Harrison, L. A. D. Duncan.
- 9.36 W. Stoker, D. I. Prophet.
- 9.40 A. H. Penn, J. R. Collis.
- 9.44 G. W. Behrman, R. R. Pearson.
- 9.48 A. C. I. Bowker, S. A. Sleep.
- 9.52 P. V. McLane, T. Megarry.
- 9.56 J. J. van Muihlen, J. G. Jensen.
- 10.00 F. A. Redmond, K. S. Doberston.
- 10.04 P. M. Cotton, B. O. Baldwin.
- 10.08 D. Humphreys, H. M. Rowland.
- 10.12 S. L. Lloyd, I. H. Geare.
- 10.16 A. D. Humphreys, A. V. Greaves.
- 10.20 R. L. S. Webb, A. A. Bremner.
- 10.24 A. W. Bourne, W. G. Robertson.
- 10.28 J. D. and J. M. Thomson.
- 10.32 J. I. G. Pearce, D. I. Bosanquet.
- 10.36 A. N. and Q. A. A. Macfadyen.
- 10.40 Lt. Col. Way, Capt. Roberts.
- 10.48 E. H. Williams, L. H. Calthrop.

NEW COURSE

- a.m.
- 9.24 A. Sommerfelt, K. S. Morrison.
- 9.32 J. E. Richardson, J. L. Macintyre.
- 9.40 E. C. Price, W. W. C. Shewan.
- 9.48 A. T. Dow, E. I. Groom.
- 10.04 F. A. M. Elliott, J. F. Robinson.
- 10.32 R. H. Challinor, H. A. Mills.

(Welford, Phillips, Foley).

MARINA GROUND

- 10 a.m. Shell v. Wayfoong (Laurel, V. Marques, Art. Ribeiro).
- 11.15 a.m. Cables v. Lacas (Ab-long, Barradas, M. Souza).

SPORTS

Good Soccer Promised Tomorrow

DOUBLE CHARITY ATTRACTION

BY "PILAT"

Something that has certainly not been attempted by the Football Association before is in store for soccer fans on Sunday when they will have the opportunity of witnessing two first class charity matches on the same afternoon.

The games, between teams chosen from the REST OF THE COLONY and COMBINED CHINESE, will be played at Causeway Bay, the first commencing at 2.30 p.m.

Four very strong elevens have been selected but, on paper, the Chinese combinations appear very imposing though the Rest teams are by no means weak.

There will be the usual League programmes this afternoon. The best game should be between EASTERN and MIDDLESEX at Caroline Hill.

In the other games wins should be registered by ROYAL SCOTS, KWONG WAH and NAVY at the expense of St. Joseph's, Kowloon and Club, respectively.

THE TEAMS

The following are some of the probable line-ups:—

EASTERN: Lau Hin-hon; Kong Sing-king; Ng Kee-cheong; Lau Chi-tsang; Hsu King-sing; Lo Wai-kuen; Chung Yung-sum; Kiu Wing-fook; V. K. Hui; T. S. Tsao and Hsu Ching-to.

KWONG WAH: Lee Kwok-kee; Chung Fal-lam; Leung Pak-wai;

POLICE LEAD IN MACAO F.A. LEAGUE

Our Own Correspondent
MACAO, Dec. 19—Last Saturday saw the division games of the Macao Football Association draw to the close of the First Round and giving the Police, by virtue of their victories over the other teams, the lead in the First Division while the Tenebrosos maintained their leadership in the Second Division.

Results of the First Round are as follows:—

FIRST DIVISION

Police	P. W. D. L. Pts.
Tenebrosos	10 9 1 25
Obras Publicas	10 5 2 22
Teleportal	10 5 1 21
Argonauta	10 4 2 20
Leong Tau	10 4 1 19
	10 10 10 10

SECOND DIVISION

Tenebrosos	P. W. D. L. Pts.
Police	6 4 1 15
Wato	6 3 1 13
Argonauta	6 2 2 12
	6 1 1 5

Members of the two so far successful teams are:—

POLICE: Lei Nga, Artur Santos, Ramon Ma, Leong San Chi, Julio Santos, Ferreira, Chong Chan Kong, H. Santos, Nito, Joaquinho and Leandro.

TENEBROSOS: Carlos Gomes, S. dos Santos, J. C. Paz, Fernando Moraes, Jose Castilho, Manuel Coimbra, Luis A. de Melo, Arnaldo da Silva e Santos, Jose Xavier, Luis Colaco and Arnaldo Sequeira.

HOCKEY TEAMS

The following are a few selections for tomorrow's hockey matches in the Hongkong Hockey Association Tournament.

KHASKA: U. B. Souza; Kishan Singh; J. S. Grewal; Balwant Singh; M. H. Hasnani; Mohinder Singh; Karminder Singh; A. E. P. Gues; Xavier S. A. Reed; P. Rull; J. H. Awtar Singh; Gurbachan Singh; Francis.

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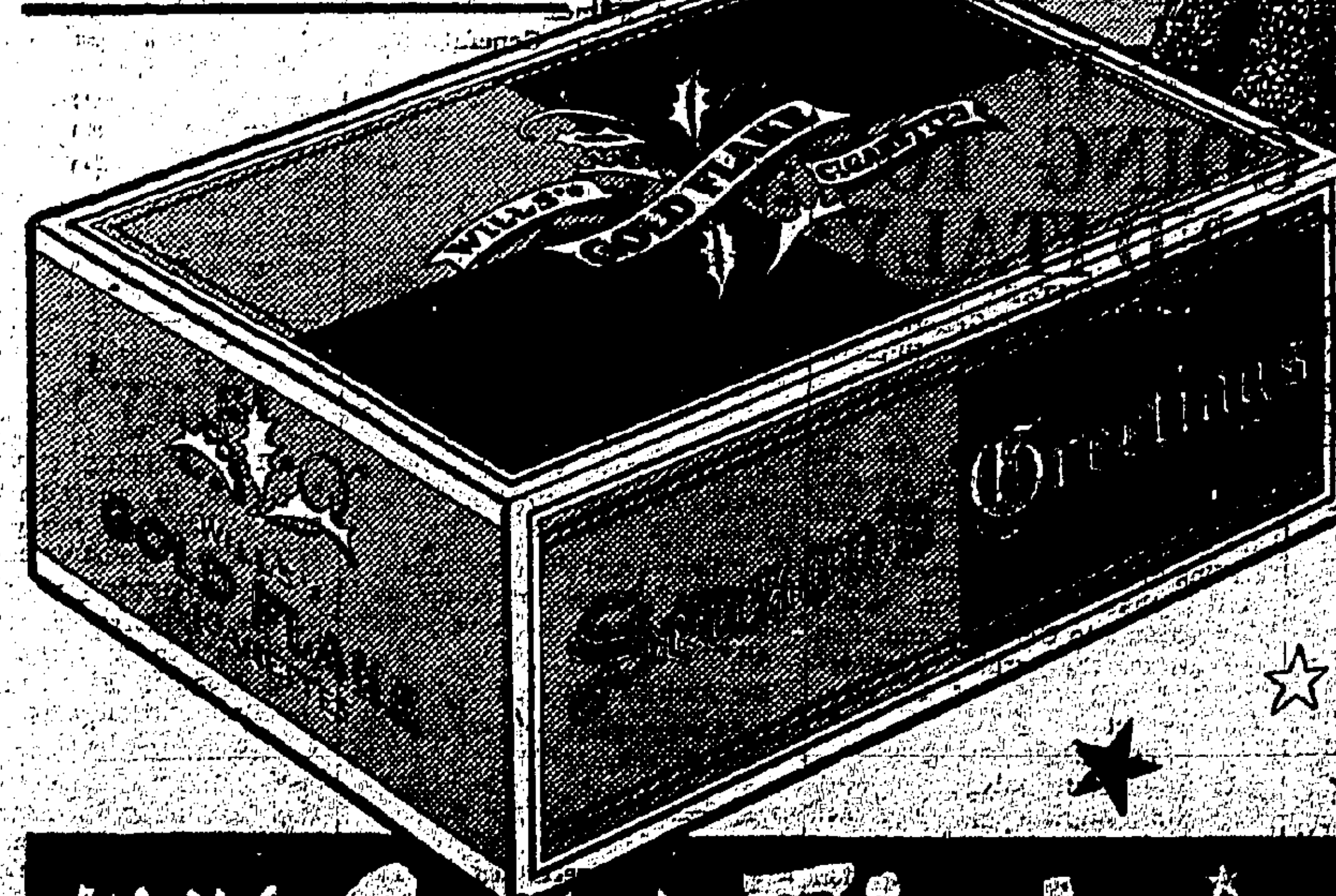
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SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

BILLIARDS: Soldiers' Club Tournament, "A" Coy. Royal Scots v. Pay Corps.
CRICKET: Senior friendlies, Recrelo v. Army; Craigengower v. Indian R.O.; University v. Civil Service. Junior friendlies, Army v. Recrelo; Indian R.O. v. Craigengower; Civil Service v. University; Kowloon v. Police.
FOOTBALL: First Division: Eastern v. Middlesex (Caroline Hill); St. Joseph's v. Royal Scots (St. Joseph's); Kwong Wah v. Kowloon (Boundary Street); Club v. Navy (Club); 4 p.m. Second Division: Ordnance v. Sing; Tao (Military); 2.30 p.m. Navy v. Kowloon (St. Joseph's); 2.30 p.m. South China v. Middlesex (Caroline Hill); 2.30 p.m. Kwong Wah v. Royal Scots (Boundary Street); 2.30 p.m. Club v. Service Corps (Club); 2.30 p.m. Third Division: Signals v. Air Force (Chatham Road); 4 p.m. 35th R.A. v. International (Sookumpoo); 2.30 p.m. 7th R.A. v. 12th R.A. (Military); 4 p.m. En-

gineers v. 20th R.A. (Sookumpoo).

4 p.m.

GYMNASTICS: First Annual Drill and Gymnastic Display by Hongkong University (Eu Tong-sen Gymnasium) 9 p.m.

ROWING: Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps Inter-Unit Regatta (Deep Water Bay) 2.45 p.m.

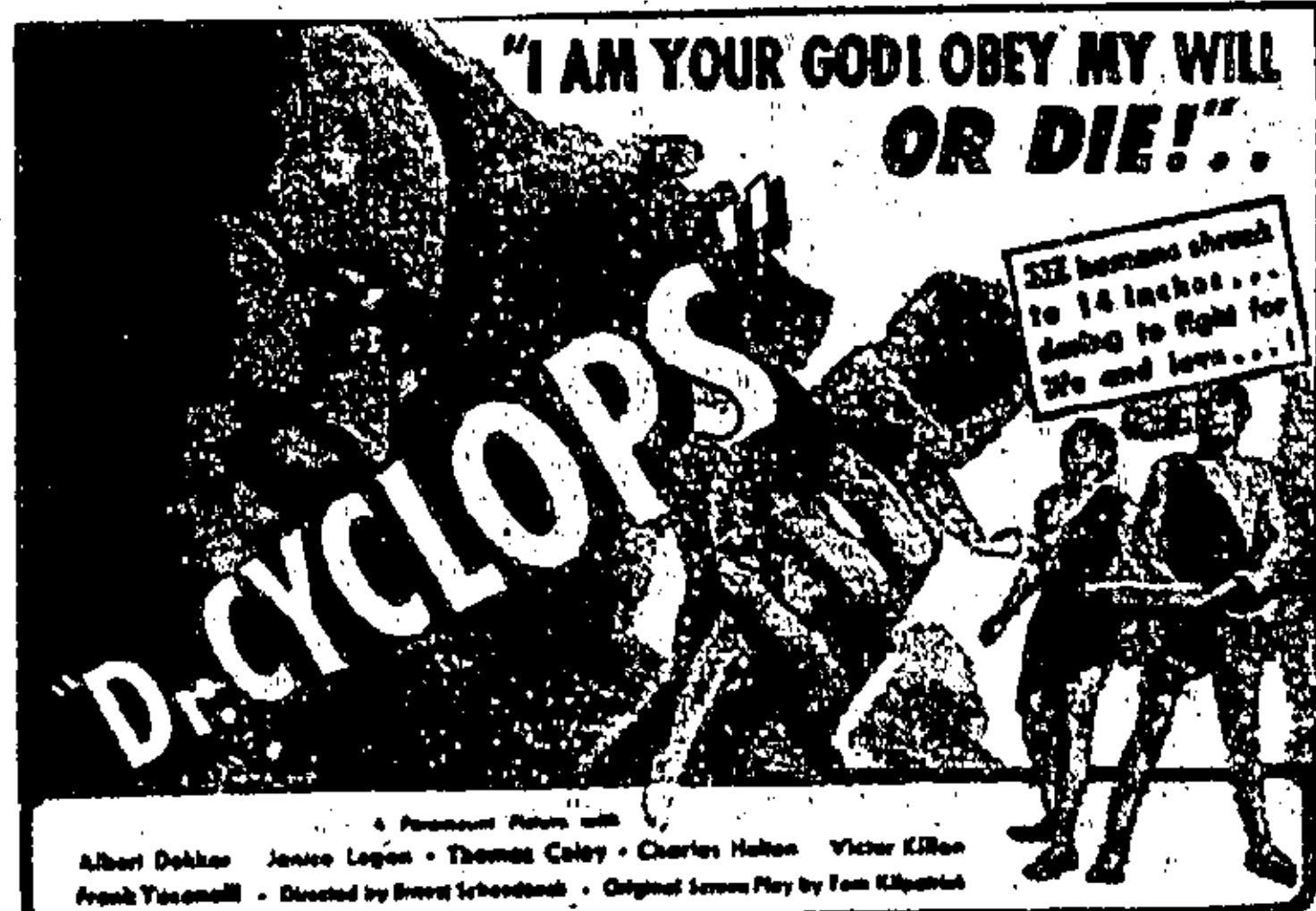
RUGBY: Quadrangular Tournament, Royal Navy v. Club (Causeway Bay) 4 p.m.; Friendly, Navy "A" v. Club "A" (Causeway Bay) 2.45 p.m.

TENNIS: 30th R.A. (Caroline Hill) 2.30 p.m.; Police v. Engineers (Boundary Street); 4 p.m. Third Division: 24th R.A. v. Medicals (Sookumpoo); 2.30 p.m. Service Corps v. 8th R.A. (Sookumpoo); 4 p.m. Street); 2.30 p.m.

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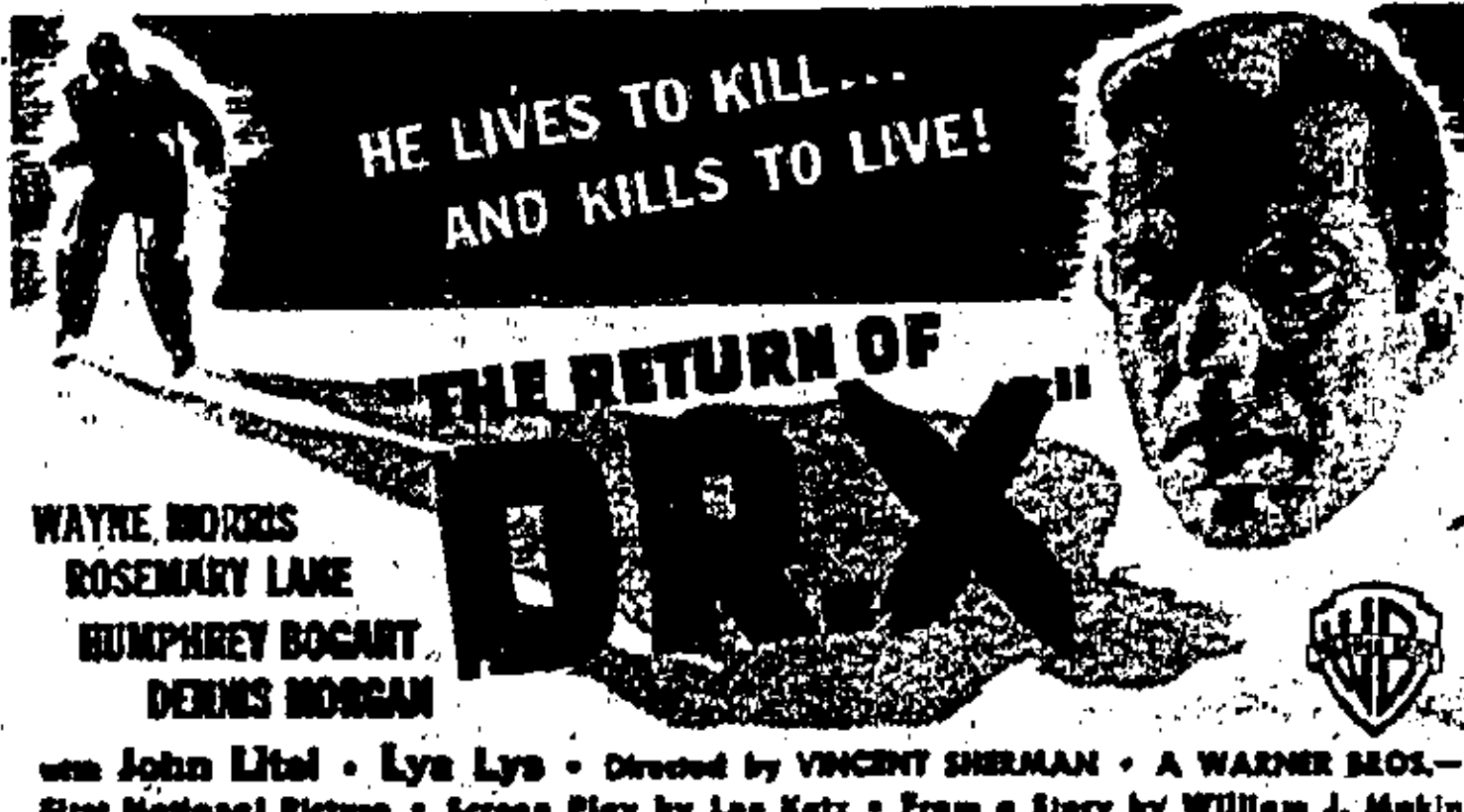
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COMING EVENTS

DEC.

21—Tides: High 11.46 a.m. and 3.04 p.m. Low 8.15 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.58 a.m.; Sunset: 5.44 p.m.

Central British Assn. Supper

Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 9 p.m.

China Light and Power Co., Ltd.

Annual Meeting, St. George's Build-

ing, 12 noon.

Claims against estate of Wong Yee

due.

Inspection of Air Raid Warden by

H.E. the Acting Governor, 3.30 p.m.

Government-Trained Teachers' Un-

ion Supper Dance, Hongkong Hotel,

8 p.m.

H.K. University Union, Annual

Gymnastic and Drill Display, 9 p.m.

R.A.O.C. Smoking Concert, Glouce-

ster Hotel, 8.15 p.m.

Wah Yan College, Annual Prize

Giving, 5.30 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Hockey, 3 and 4.30 p.m.;

Swimming, Tennis.

St. John's University Alumni Assn.

(H.K. Branch), Annual Dinner Dance,

The Ritz, North Point, 8 p.m.

Chinese Art Exhibition, Hotel Cecil,

11 a.m.—8 p.m.

22—Tides: High 1.55 a.m. and 4

p.m. Low 9.05 a.m. and 8.26 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.59 a.m.; Sunset: 5.44 p.m.

H.K. Golf Championship, Final.

Chinese Products' Exhibition, Kow-

loon.

Charity football, 2.30 and 4 p.m.

'Causeway Bay).

Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m.

X'Mas Carols, Tennis, Swimming.

Christmas Concert, Univ. Great

Hall, 9 p.m.

23—Tides: High 3.24 a.m. and 4.53

p.m. Low 10 a.m. and 11.25 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.59 a.m.; Sunset: 5.45 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.),

Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

St. Andrew's Club Christmas Carni-

val Party.

Y.M.C.A. Women's War Work, 9

a.m.; Swimming.

24—Tides: High 5 a.m. and 5.42

p.m. Low 10.53 a.m.

Sunrise: 7 a.m.; Sunset: 5.46 p.m.

Christmas Eve.

H.K. Rotary Club Tiffin Meeting, 1

p.m.

Claims against estate of Plinio

Tinoco and Wong Cheuk-ling due.

Y.M.C.A. Badminton, Mixed

Swimming; Billiards Match, 7.30 p.m.

25—Tides: High 6.30 a.m. and 6.30

p.m. Low 12.43 a.m. and 11.45 p.m.

Sunrise: 7 a.m.; Sunset: 5.46 p.m.

Christmas Day.

International Charity Cup Soccer,

Scotland v. China (Boundary St.).

26—Tides: High 7.50 a.m. and 7.15

p.m. Low 1.40 a.m. and 12.32 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.01 a.m.; Sunset: 5.47 p.m.

Boxing Day.

Kwai Race Meeting.

International Charity Cup Soccer,

Portugal v. England (Kowloon F.C.).

Charity Softball, K.F.C., 10.30 a.m.

Y.M.C.A. Women's War Work, 9

a.m.; Swimming; Chess Night, 6 p.m.

27—Tides: High 8.51 a.m. and 8.05

p.m. Low 2.29 a.m. and 1.18 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.01 a.m.; Sunset: 5.47 p.m.

R.A.O.C. Dinner Dance.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.),

Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

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LONDON TOPICAL FEATURE

"BALLOON BARRAGE"

Variety Programmes

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Inter-

cession.

12.30 Greta Keller (Vocal) and

Primo Scala's Accordion Band.

Don't Save Your Smiles (Pio Rito

and Others); She Came From Alsace

Lorraine (Mida and Carr) — Primo

Scala's Accordion Band with Vocal

Refrain. You're A Sweetheart (from

the film)—Greta Keller (Vocal) with

Orchestra. Old Ship O' Mine (Polo-

Arden); Song of the Lift (Evans and

Others) — Primo Scala's Accordion

Band with Chorus. So Little Time

(De Rose, Hill); You Leave Me

Breathless (from 'Cocacola Grove')—

Greta Keller (Vocal) with Orchestra.

"On With The Show" Selection —

Primo Scala's Accordion Band.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Wea-

ther Report.

1.03 Selections from Light Opera.

The Arcadians — Arcady is Ever

Young (Monckton); Winnie Melville

(Soprano) with Orchestra. Chu Chin

Chow—Selection (Norton)—Gaumont

British Orch. 'Lilac Time' — Vocal

Gems (Schubert) — Columbia Light

Opera Company with Orchestra. 'Dol-

lar Princess' — Medley (Fall) Nat

Shillket and His Orch.

1.30 Reuter & Bagby Press, Wea-

ther Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Max Miller in the Holborn

Empire Theatre.

Recorded during an actual per-

formance.

2.05 Reginald Dixon at the Organ.

Dixon Hits No. 23—Intro: Says my

heart; Now it can be told; Alexander's

Ragtime Band; It's lovely; There's

rain in my eyes; Everyone must have

a sweetheart. Dixon Hits No. 27 —

Intro: Blue skies are round the

corner; The Umbrella Man; Day

Dreaming.

2.15 Close down.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quota-

tions.

6.32 Compositions of Beethoven.

Turkish March (Scherzo)—Yehudi

Menuhin (Violin) with Piano. Leona-

ora Overture No. 3 — Vienna Philhar-

monic Orchestra. Adelaide, Op. 46 —

Jussi Bjorling (Tenor) with Piano.

Rondo A Capriccio In G Major, Op.

129—Alexander Brailowsky (Piano).

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay — 'Questions of

the Hour'.

7.30 Selections from Gilbert and

Sullivan.

'The Yeomen of the Guard'. Here's

A Man of Holly—Chorus. I Have

A Song to Sing, O!—Winifred Law-

son. George Baker and Chorus. How

Say You, Maiden, Will You Wed —

Arthur Hosking. Winifred Lawson.

George Baker. I've Jibe and Joke —

George Baker (Baritone). 'Tis Done!

and Bush; Just a Wee Deoch and

Doris; She's a Lassie from Lanca-

shire; I do like to be beside the sea-

side—Reginald Dixon (Organ). 'Tom

Costello in Song Memories (Scott and

McGlannon)—Intro: I've Made Up My

Mind to Sail Away; The Ship I Love;

Comrades; At Trinity Church I Met

My Doom—Tom Costello and Chorus.

Monckton Melodies (arr. Stanford

Robinson)—The B.B.C. Theatre Or-

chestra. Ellaline Terris and Sey-

mour Hicks—Intro: Louisiana Lou; I

want yer, my honey; And her golden

hair was hanging down her back—

Ellaline Terris and Seymour Hicks

(Vocal).

10.30 London Relay—"Balloon Bar-

rage."

A Topical Feature.

11.00 London Relay—Talk: 'In My

Opinion.

11.15 Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Three Cheers for Any-

thing; Jimmy Cricket (both from

'Pinocchio')—Victor Young and His

Orchestra and The Ken Darby

Singers. Quickstep—Light Up Your

Face with A Smile; Fox-Trot — I'm

Praying for the Old Folks at Home—

Wally Bishop and His Band. Fox-

Trots—When You Wish Upon A Star;

Turn on the Old Music Box (both

from 'Pinocchio')—Maurice Winick

and His Orchestra. Tango — Villa

Amiga; Carnival — El Barrio Mer-

cedes Simons and Her Tipics Trio.

Swing. Fox-Trots — Hobson Street

Blues; I've Found A New Baby—Bob

Zurke and His Delta Rhythm Band.

Fox-Trot — I Hear A Dream (film

'Gulliver's Travels')—Quickstep—

Bluebirds in the Moonlight (film

'Gulliver's Travels')—Jack White and

His Collegians. Fox-Trot — Out of

Nowhere—Ella Fitzgerald with The

Chick Webb Orchestra. Fox-Trot —

The Gaucho Serenade; Waltz — As

Round and Round We Go (from

'Haw-Haw')—Swing and Sway with

Sammy Kaye.

12.00 midnight. Close down.

TOMORROW

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10.30—11.30 a.m. 'Relay of Morning

Service from the Union Church.

12.15 p.m. Tchaikovsky—1812 Over-

ture.

The Philharmonic Orchestra with

the Ural Cossacks' Choir conducted

by Alexander Kieichin.

12.32 Songs by Amelia Galli-Curci

(Soprano).

The Gyrry and the Bird (Benedict)

—with flute obbligato by C. Barone.

Carnations (Valerjo). Little Star

(Ponce) — with Piano acc. Russian

Nightingale Song (Ablief)—with flute

obligato by Clement Barone.

12.42 Grieg—Holberg Suite, Op. 49.

Part 1: Prelude and Sarabande;

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GEN. OSHIMA RE-APPOINTED TO BERLIN

TOKYO, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—The Ambassador who recently stated in an interview that friendship between Germany and the Soviet could not last has been re-appointed Ambassador to Berlin.
He is Lieutenant-General Oshima, who was Ambassador in Berlin until November, 1939.
The Government has decided to recall the present Ambassador, Mr. Kurusu, and re-appoint Lieutenant-General Oshima, and the German Government has agreed to this move.
It was in an interview with a Japanese newspaper last July that Oshima declared: "Hitler has confirmed the opinion that Russia must be defeated in war, not be-

EIRE PORTS UNDER MILITARY CONTROL

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—The ports of Galway and Sligo on the west coast of Eire are placed under total military control by an order made yesterday by the Minister of Defence.
The step appears to be the continuation of the Eirean policy of preparedness against an invader.
Special defence measures have been in operation since the capitulation of France and, since July, the ports of Dublin, Cork, Kingstown, Bantry Bay and Lough Swilly have been under military direction.

cause Russia is a Communist country but because Hitler believes that the Slav race is impeding the development of the German people.



GENERAL PAPAGOS
**ITALO-GREEK
HOSTILITIES**

CHIMARRA POUNDED BY ARTILLERY

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—In the south Greek artillery is pounding away at the coastal town of Chimarra and are also hammering away at Tepelini and Klisura.

There are many reports of blitzards. One message says that Greek troops found the bodies of Italian officers and men who died of hunger and exposure when they laid down in the snow during their retreat.

Valona was raided by the R. A. F. on Wednesday the attack being directed against the sea-plane base, docks and warehouses. All bombs fell on the target and a warehouse was seen on fire. Italian fighters put up a stiff opposition and during a 20 minute combat at least one is believed to have been shot down. One of our machines had to make a forced landing while returning to its base but all the rest got home safely.

GREEK ORDER OF DAY
LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—"Victory will be ours and it will be the most glorious victory of our history," declares General Papagos, Commander-in-Chief of the Greek Army, in an Order of the Day, according to Athens radio last night.

Addressing his officers and men he says: "All Greece is proud of you and grateful to you, and the whole world watches you with admiration.
"You have not ceased to repulse the aggressor, to dislodge him successively from all his fortified positions and afterwards pursue him continuously without respite.
"The blows you have dealt have placed the enemy in a very difficult position. A great part of his forces are dispersed and demoralised.

"The enemy is giving way before you and in Africa before the British."

General Papagos expressed the certainty that the enemy would be hurled back into the sea.

LITTLE ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

ONE NIGHT ALERT IN LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—Little enemy air activity occurred over Britain during daylight yesterday and no bombs were dropped in any area.

A pilot of the Fighter Command squadron which helped to save the destroyer Javelin from bombing attacks when she was recently disabled by enemy action, shot down a Dornier-17 bomber over the West Country.

The London area had its first alert last night, since Monday night but it was of comparatively short duration.

A few high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped in the London area.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—The seizure of the records of the German-American Bund here and the Teutonia Publishing Company, has been ordered by a judge of the Municipal Court.

Both concerns are being sued for non-payment of personal property taxes.

PREMIER APPEALS FOR INCREASED PRODUCTION TO MEET DANGERS OF PROTRACTED WAR

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—This is the first time in the desert that we have had equal equipment and we are still only a half-armed nation fighting a fully-armed nation which has already passed the saturation point in its armaments. But during 1941 we shall become a well-armed nation too. It takes three to four years to put the industries of a country on a war basis, said Mr. Winston Churchill in the House of Commons yesterday.

The Germans reached the culminating point when we ourselves were still only in the second year but by the efforts that are being made and the great supplies reaching us from the United States, we hope that we shall be well-armed during 1941.

"Let the members now returning to their constituencies use their influence to help the good work of sustaining morale, if that is necessary, and speeding up the work of production. We are by no means content. We must never be content. (Cheers). We must continue to strive to do our utmost to see that our men have weapons worthy of the task they are to perform."

FOOD PRODUCTION

"What I say in respect of munitions applies with equal force to food production in all its forms. When I spoke recently of the years 1943 and 1944, I did not mean that I believed that the war would continue until then, but in matters like agriculture and ship-building, you have got to look ahead."

"If you did not work plans on that scale, you would not even get the first fruits that come forward in good time. Anything that can be done to increase the volume of food production would be the wisest insurance for the later years of this war, assuming that it should be prolonged for such a period, which is by no means impossible."

UNRELAXED VIGILANCE

"It would be a disaster if anyone supposed that the supreme mortal dangers are passed. They are not. There are dangers of a prolonged deadlock, but there may be also more immediate dangers."

"The winter season will offer some advantages to the invader in counter-balance to those which belong to the summer season. It will be lack of prudence amounting to a crime if vigilance were relaxed. (Cheers). We must watch from hour to hour the menace which still exists in full force so short a distance away."

"I may say that the defence of our shores is complete. From North Scotland round Ireland, enormous masses of guns, machine-guns, fortified posts and every defence device are erected and are guarded by large numbers of ardent and well-trained men, but we are not making the mistake which was made by the French General Staff when they thought that the Maginot Line was all that was necessary."

CONFIDENCE IN POWER

"We have now got a very large army which can move to any place with great rapidity and can go into action in a strong counter-offensive. Therefore, we may have good confidence in our power to beat the enemy supposing that he should succeed in setting foot in any strength on these shores."

"Nevertheless, we must remember that Hitler—I should certainly deprecate any comparison between Hitler and Napoleon because I do not want to insult the dead—wields gigantic power, and he has great need of doing something in the near future."

Sudden Death Of Finnish President

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—Kyosti Kallio, Finland's 66-year-old President, died in dramatic circumstances yesterday, within a few hours of the election of a new president to take over the duties which ill-health had prompted him to renounce.

The outgoing President drove through the crowded streets of Helsinki past lines of youthful torch-bearers on his way to retirement to a farm in the country. At the station he was received by a Guard of Honour. As he was passing along its ranks, he suddenly collapsed with a heart attack and died soon afterwards.

R.A.F. PILOTS WIN D.S.O.

BOTH MEMBERS OF SQUADRON NO. 74

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—The No. 74 Squadron of the R.A.F. is again well represented in the awards list—a Squadron Leader, two officers and one sergeant receiving decorations.

It was the officers of this squadron which by itself has destroyed at least 84 enemy aircraft and who attained the 600th success for the station from which the squadron operates.

Pilot Officer Stephen, D.F.C., who with a Flight Commander while on voluntary patrol performed this feat, received the D.S.O.

He has brought down 19 enemy machines.
BRILLIANT LEADER
Squadron Leader Adolph Mahan, D.F.C. also receives the D.S.O. This officer has commanded the No. 74 Squadron with outstanding success over an intensive period of air operations and his brilliant leadership, skill and determination contributed largely to the successes obtained.

Mahan, who is a South African from the town of Wellington and was training on the ship "General Botha" after he left Wellington Public School, has himself destroyed 18 enemy aircraft and possibly six more.

Other members of the squadron whose names are in the list include one pilot officer, Bryan Draper, who is awarded the D.F.C. and Sergeant Wilfred Skinner, who receives the D.F.M.

FREE AUSTRIAN MOVEMENT

TORONTO, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—The formation is announced here of a Free Austrian movement, under the chairmanship of Dr. Schuschnigg, and ex-Minister anti-Nazi and anti-Fascist Austrians throughout the world are invited.

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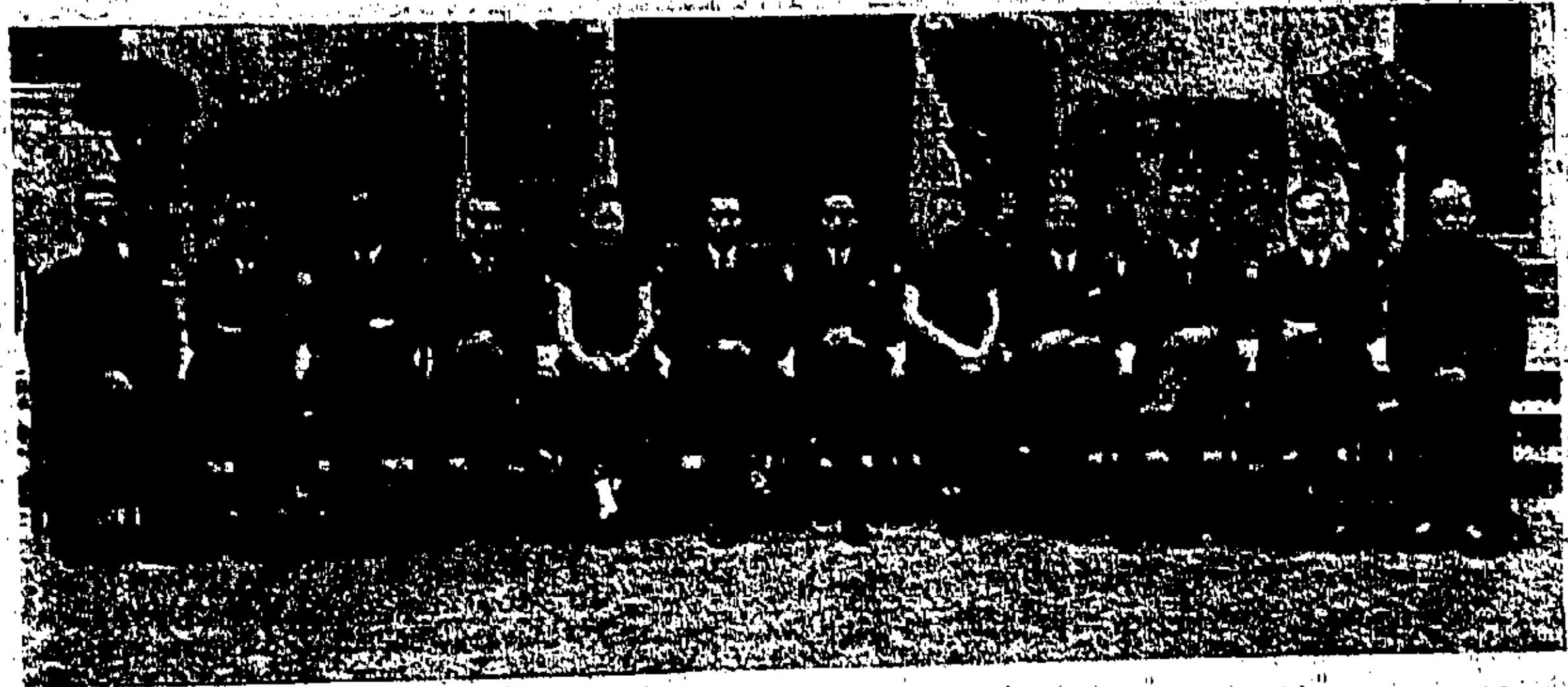
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Compulsory Service Tribunal

STRONG COMPLAINT LODGED

A strong complaint that much time had been wasted by having to attend the Tribunal when he had already been re-assigned to be Deputy Director of the Transport Services from the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force was voiced by Mr. T. A. Martin when he appeared before the Compulsory Service Tribunal in the Council Chamber yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Martin also said that he has been requested to resign from the E.K.N.V.F. at the request of the Government in order to take up his present post.

Mr. Martin's case was postponed in order to allow the Tribunal to take up the matter with Mr. G. White, Director of the Transport Services.

OTHER CASES

Of the other cases dealt with yesterday the following assignments were made:—

Combatant Group—R. J. Barnes; Key-Posts Group—D. Ritchie; J. C. Kyle; General Group for Essential Services—F. A. Dinsdale.

The following cases were postponed:—W. J. Crooks; C. B. Le Patourel; C. Shaw.

A. F. Bailey and E. H. Gwill were absent.

The Tribunal comprised:—Mr. Justice Williams (Chairman), Lt. Commr. L. L. Tollenmache, R.N., Mr. C. Baker, M.C. and Mr. C. Bramall Burgess (Clerk to the Tribunal).

COLONY VISIBLE TRADE: NOVEMBER INCREASE

According to an official report released for publication by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, the combined values of the Colony's imports and exports of merchandise as declared during the month of NOVEMBER, 1940, totalled \$107.4 millions (£6.7 millions) as compared with \$88.7 millions (£5.5 millions) in November, 1939.

In terms of local currency the total visible trade of the Colony increased by 21.1 per cent in Nov. 1940 as compared with Nov., 1939, and by 21.8 per cent in terms of sterling.

Imports of merchandise in Nov. 1940 totalled \$57.9 millions (£3.6 millions) as compared with \$48.9 millions (£3.0 millions) in Nov. 1939, and exports \$49.4 millions (£3.1 millions) as compared with \$39.8 millions (£2.5 millions).

MERCHANDISE

Imports of merchandise in Nov. 1940 increased by 18.4 per cent in terms of local currency, and by 20.0 per cent in terms of sterling. Exports of merchandise in Nov. 1940 increased by 24.1 per cent in terms of local currency, and by 24.0 per cent in terms of sterling.

During the first eleven months of 1940 imports of merchandise totalled \$886.9 millions (£42.5 millions) as compared with \$539.4 millions (£33.1 millions) in the corresponding period of 1939; and exports totalled \$570.8 millions (£35.3 millions) as compared with \$486.6 millions (£29.9 millions).

Imports of merchandise increased by 27.3 per cent in terms of local currency and by 28.4 per cent in terms of sterling; exports increased by 17.3 per cent in terms of local currency, and by 18.1 per cent in terms of sterling.

HONGKONG MUST ACT AT ONCE

In a broadcast, from ZBW on Thursday, on the Eastern Group Conference, Mr. D. J. Sloss, C.B.E., Vice-Chancellor of the Hongkong University, said, that the Viceroy of India, with the cordial approval of His Majesty's Government, invited representatives from India, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, East Africa, Palestine, Ceylon, Malaya and Hongkong, to assemble in Delhi towards the end of October.

"In this Colony," said Mr. Sloss, "we must know with the greatest precision what we can produce and in what time. The Government has every right to expect the fullest co-operation of local industry not only in the survey that has to be made but in meeting the demands that may follow, once the new organisation of supplies come into working order."

"We shall have to be prepared to supply not what we like to make, but what it pays us to make; but what the armies require; and nobody is to become rich in the process. And above all we must act at once."

RAID TUNNEL TO SHELTER 10 THOUSAND

CORPS OF AIR RAID WARDENS HONOURED

His Excellency the Acting Governor has conferred an honour on the Corps of Air Raid Wardens by the appointment of an Honorary A.D.C. from the Corps. It was revealed yesterday by Wing-Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, Director of A.R.P., at his weekly press conference.

(The Honorary appointment has been conferred on Mr. Wong Shu-ken, who is a Deputy Divisional Warden, Tsimshatsui District. The appointment will be officially gazetted today.)

Progress in construction work on tunnels and pen shelters is well ahead of schedule, the Director of A.R.P. also disclosed. Pens have been built in the past week to accommodate an additional 3,000 people. Work is progressing satisfactorily also in the scheme whereby tunnels will be utilised to afford protection in the event of air raids.

In the course of work commenced on the Leighton Hill tunnel project, it has been found that the tunnel there, which will be built to run right through the hill, may be able to take in anything from 8,000 to 10,000 people.

The tunnel at Blake Gardens has been completed in the course of the past week and can accommodate 1,000 people. (The tunnel at Ellis Kadoorie School, Queen's Road Central, is being developed to the west. Work is being started also on a new face at Hill Road.)

been stolen or unlawfully obtained, at Tai O Harbour.

Mr. C. d'Almeida appeared for the defendant, while Det. Sgt. A. Allen prosecuted.

UNREGISTERED WARD

For bringing a ward into the Colony without giving notice to the S.C.A., a Chinese woman, Ng Kam-ngo, 27, of No. 4, Canton Road, was ordered to sign a personal bond of \$20 yesterday by Mr. Himmsworth.

Prosecuting Inspector H. W. Fraser, of the S.C.A., said that the defendant was arrested as the result of a report made to the Water Police Station by a 23-year-old woman, who accused the defendant of assaulting her.

The premises was visited and the eight-year-old ward, Ng Hang-tai, was found. (The defendant said that the girl had been presented to her by her mother when the girl was only a month old in Amoy. She was brought to the Colony in January.)

Inspector Fraser said that the ward was well treated and received good food and clothing. The woman who made the report had a quarrel with the defendant.

EVASION OF FERRY FARE

Convicted of evading to pay his ferry fare, Li Ping-pui, 21, was fined \$20 by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen yesterday.

Inspector L. H. Hurp, of the Hongkong Yau-mat Ferry Company, appeared as complainant.

It was stated that the defendant, boarded the ferry "Man Kwok," travelling from Yau-mat to Hongkong on Thursday. When asked by a ticket inspector for his ticket the accused said that he was a monthly ticket holder but failed to produce one. He was given an identification card to sign, on which he put the name of Li Yung-ying, assistant director of the Asia Fire Insurance Company.

Inquiries were made and it was disclosed that the defendant had given his brother's name and that he himself was never a ticket holder.

CHARGE AMENDED

The charge, of cutting and wounding against Yip Ho-25, and Leung Po-ling, 20, was amended to murder yesterday by Mr. Himmsworth on the application of Sgt. Cameron.

The defendants were remanded for one week.

D. O. SOUTH

Wong Sze charged with keeping a common gaming house on the ground floor of No. 43, 45, San St., Cheung Chau, failed to appear before Mr. S. P. Balfour yesterday and had his bail of \$30, forfeited.

Eight others, charged with gambling in the above named premises, also failed to appear and had their bails of \$5 each forfeited. Table-money amounting to \$381 was donated to the Poor Box.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

LARCENY BY BAILEE

Tang Wan, 32, unemployed, was bound over in the sum of \$10 for six months when he came up before Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday for sentence.

Tang was charged with larceny by bailee of two kerosene lamps on Oct. 20 and 21, respectively, and with illegally pawning the lamps.

It will be recalled that defendant had hired the lamps from two different persons at 20 cents a day but pawned them, defendant having stated that he had been ill and that he intended to redeem them and to return the lamps.

Acting Det. Sub-Inspr. C. Byron prosecuted.

MARINE COURT

The Wah Fung Shipping Co. of 62, Connaught Road Central, first floor, Hongkong, and the coxswain of the steam launch "Goldleaf," chartered by the Company, were fined \$75 and \$25 respectively, by the Marine Magistrate, Lt. Commr. J. J. R.N.K. (Retired), at the Marine Court yesterday when they appeared on summonses for permitting excess passengers to be carried by the vessel.

Lt. Sgt. Ross, prosecuting, said that the launch was carrying 15 passengers in excess of the total of 78 passengers and crew allowed on board by licence when boarded off a police launch in Mira Bay on Dec. 8. The "Goldleaf" had been engaged in carrying freight but had turned lately to the passenger trade.

TRAFFIC SUMMONSES

Pleading guilty by letter to a summons for parking his car in Chater Road in excess of the time limit, Dr. M. Nicolson, of Alexandra Building, was fined \$10 by Mr. K. M. A. Barnett yesterday. Summoned for a similar offence, Mrs. Boyd was fined \$8.

AT KOWLOON

CONSPIRACY CASE

Au Yin, 18, Cheung Yuk-hing, 18, woman, Au Yung-chuk, 20, Kam Au Fuk, 21, Yeung Mui, 24, woman, Au Fun, 21, Yeung Mui, 24, woman, Yeung Kam, 24, Lau Wai-sin, 18, and Chan Yau-ming, 25, both

women, were charged before Mr. Macfadyen yesterday, with having conspired together to induce would-be contributors to charitable organisations to purchase illustrated war magazines, by falsely pretending that the whole or part of the proceeds of the sale of the magazines to be donated to the China Educational and Arts Company, which was purported to be an organisation for the assistance of refugees.

Det. Sgt. J. Johnston, prosecuting, said that such a company did not exist.

The fifth, eighth and ninth defendants were discharged owing to insufficient evidence, while the others were each fined \$10, or 14 days in prison.

Det. Sgt. Bethell, who prosecuted, said that the defendant met a hawker at Tai Kok Tsui on Sunday afternoon. The defendant told the hawker that he was a Police constable and that he suspected the complainant's coal was stolen property. He said that such thing could be settled between themselves by giving him some "tea-money." The complainant said that he had no money; then and he would bring the defendant to a friend from whom he could get the money.

While the defendant was talking to the complainant's friend he was arrested by a constable.

HEAVY FINE IMPOSED

A fine of \$100 or, in default, three months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. E. Himmsworth yesterday on Wong Koi, 40, Police guard, for impersonating a Police officer.

HEARING FIXED

Hearing was fixed for Monday morning, Dec. 30, by Mr. Himmsworth yesterday of the case in which Li Kau, 65, fisherman, residing on board boat No. 571HA, was charged with unlawful possession of 80 tins of kerosene, 20 bags of flour, a sack of barley, 30 bags of salt and three bags of dried fruit.

Both reasonably suspected of having



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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificates 6/NS. 4412 dated Hongkong, 16th January, 1936 for Three shares of this Bank numbered 97994/97996 inclusive registered in the names of Messrs. Manek Roostumjee Mehta and Dhun Manek Mehta has been Lost or Stolen, and should this certificate not be produced to the Bank before the 11th January, 1941, a new certificate for the shares will be issued, and the aforesaid Certificate No. 6/NS. 4412 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as Null and Void.

By Order of the Court of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.

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NOTICE

THE TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Head Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Saturday, 21st December, 1940, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the financial year ended 30th September, 1940, and electing Directors and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS AND REGISTER OF SHAREHOLDERS will be closed from Monday, 25th November, 1940, to Saturday, 21st December, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

NOEL BRAGA,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th November, 1940.

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HONG KONG/AUSTRALIAN FREIGHT CONFERENCE

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS

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In view of present circumstances, it has been decided by the Members of The Hong Kong/Australian Freight Conference that the payment of the 10% Deferred Rebate will be discontinued as from 1st January, 1941, and as an alternative, a Cash Rebate of 9% will be paid to shippers who sign the Conference Contract.

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CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBER

It is hereby notified that as from January 7, 1941, the telephone number of the Hongkong Daily Press, Marina House, will be

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Instead of 30251 as hitherto. The other line, 33383, remains unchanged.

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HONGKONG, DECEMBER 21, 1940.

LOOKING AHEAD
—TO VICTORY

THE PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH in the House of Commons on Thursday served a dual purpose—it warned the people not to be content with what has been so successfully achieved by the strength of British arms and determination and, at the same time, it looked into the future with an even greater confidence in ultimate victory than before, a fact which will inspire the people of the British Empire to pay the greatest need to Mr. Churchill's view that there should not be the slightest slackening in the country's war effort. The greatest need of the moment, as implied in the warning the Premier uttered, is a speed-up in production. His statement that the country was still only half-armed should not be taken to mean that Britain and the Empire are still unequal to the task of meeting an enemy, who the Premier stated, was fully armed. The significance of this statement is that it indicated clearly that Germany and her allies—and none of the latter really count in terms of fighting strength—have reached the limit of their productive capacity, while Britain, having attained to only fifty per cent. of her potential productivity, was still able to hold the enemy at bay and to deliver hard and telling blows on his armour which he would find it was practically impossible to ward off.

THIS POINT in Mr. Churchill's speech was, indeed, the most encouraging part of his statement, because it means that when Britain reaches full productive capacity, in the next two years at the utmost, coupled with the huge supplies of munitions, planes and ships that will

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straightforward mind by cutting out what he called the financial nonsense.

"This means that the United States realise that in defending herself Britain is defending the things that make life worth living."

"If the assistance from America was based on financial questions of dollar exchange there would have been considerable delay. The manner in which assistance will now come to us is an answer to the gibe that Hitler has launched against what he called the plutocratic mind of the democracies. Now it looks as if these gibes will recoil on Hitler. Democracy has proved that in its service financial considerations count but little, since we are involved to place our resources and our lives in the fight against the human abomination and enslavement of the Nazis."

NO QUITTING

Mr. Stead next referred to what the late Lord Lothian had told the United States that if they backed

during that period be flowing to her shores from the United States, she will be in a position of vast superiority in the air, land and sea. This is an inspiring picture—the more so because it has been painted on a background of reality and fact which is beyond dispute. Mr. Churchill emphasised this further when he urged that, instead of waiting for this production to develop by itself on the set programme which he envisaged was now in operation, the people themselves should lend every effort, by making greater sacrifices, to speed it up in the possibility of reaching the standard aimed at before the time estimated under present arrangements. That the response to this call will be forthcoming cannot be doubted and, within the next twelve months, the hum of industrial activity throughout the British Commonwealth will resound like a death-knell in Herr Hitler's ears.

MR. CHURCHILL'S speech, inspiring and confident as it was, did not fail to apprise the people of the gigantic nature of the task that still lay before them. It was a reply to the recent charge of over-confidence which had been levelled against the people and their leaders—certainly Mr. Churchill has never been guilty of this. All his public utterances have been tempered with caution, while at the same time encouraging the people to believe that their part in Britain's war effort was vital to ultimate victory. That caution was present in his speech on Thursday when he referred to the tremendous power which Herr Hitler wields, though he made use of the opportunity for the quip that, strong as Herr Hitler was, it would be an insult to the dead to compare him with Napoleon! Nevertheless, the appeal against any relaxation of vigilance and any slackening of efforts was there for those who might feel that the cap which Lord Beaverbrook handed out fitted them. Mr. Churchill would have failed in his duty if he had neglected this issue, but the proof he gave of how Britain and the Empire had steadily and calmly prepared to tackle the task removed from his words anything which might have given rise to the misapprehension that Britain is fearful of the future. There is definitely no cause for any anxiety now and there will be no cause for anxiety in the future as long as British resolve, determination and courage persists in the way it has done so far.

Britain they would not be backing a quitter. Lord Lothian saw and knew how absent from the mind of the British people was any idea of quitting.

"I shall not be surprised," said Mr. Stead, "if the people of the United States are resolved to carry on with their help to us because they know that we are not going to allow Nazi Germany to get at them. Until the hose-pipe agreement develops now little can be said about it."

"I wonder what Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini think about it—If indeed Mussolini has the time to think at all now that he is in such desperate straits."

"Herr Hitler, however, must have reason to think more about it and as Mr. Churchill said, 'He must try and do something soon.'"

"The only direction in which he must do something is to strike hard and swiftly to try and defeat Britain by every means in his power. He knows now that he cannot get any help from his Italian ally and Mussolini himself can hardly hope for some months to come to undo what the Greeks have done in Albania and what the British have done in North Africa."

PREMIER'S WARNING

"Herr Hitler, however, cannot afford to send his troops to Southern Italy or even through Spain. And, besides that, such a plan would run counter to the chief job of striking at his main obstacle. For these reasons I think that the warning given by Mr. Cordell Hull, Lord Beaverbrook and Mr. Churchill that he will attempt to smash Britain by invasion is highly probably in the near future."

"I do not mean that we are taking it lightly just because when he launched his full air strength against us in September he underestimated the gallantry of our airmen."

"Since then he has intensified what he calls his counter-blockade against our shipping. Last week was a bad week for us, and a good week for Hitler where this was concerned. More than 100,000 tons of shipping was lost. This represents something that we are fully alive to."

"We must take steps to ensure that we are stronger in the air than when the Battle of Britain began."

"Our air strength has increased week by week since September. Everyone is putting their backs into their jobs and the jobs are being well done and although we know that we are up against a big job we still expect Herr Hitler to fall."

SENSATIONAL EVENTS

Mr. Stead next turned to the sensational events which had taken place in Vichy during the last few days—the dismissal of M. Laval, his arrest, his release, after Herr Abetz had gone to Vichy with an armed escort to talk to Marshal Petain, and M. Laval's subsequent trip to Paris with Herr Abetz.

"What does it all mean?" asked Mr. Stead. "It means that Hitler is planning and plotting to bring France into his scheme for attacking Britain. He may not find it easy to do this as a great majority of Frenchmen are hoping and praying for a British victory."

"Taken all round, last week was a week of big things. I still believe that the French prayers and hopes will be fulfilled. There may be much larger losses and suffering. We expect them but we shall not be affected by them and we shall pull through."

WOMAN SENT TO PRISON

UTTERED FORGED BANK NOTES

Found Guilty on all three charges of uttering forged \$100 and \$50 notes; Kwok Fong, woman, was sentenced to 18 months' hard labour by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

Sentences on Leung Ying, woman, and Mak Kuen-sing, male, who were found guilty on one charge, were postponed until the next Sessions.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, assisted by Det. Sgt. N. B. Fraser, prosecuted, Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. C. A. Sutherland, appeared for the second and third accused.

NEWSETTES

His Excellency the Acting Governor will open the Fourth Annual Exhibition of the Chinese Manufacturers' Union of Hongkong tomorrow, Dec. 22, at 3.15 p.m.

The first annual dinner of the Hongkong Branch of the Sino-British Cultural Association will be held at the Chinese Merchants' Club on Jan. 3, 1941, at 8.30 p.m. His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieutenant-General E. F. Norton has consented to be present.

His Excellency the Acting Governor will be present at the Thirteenth Annual Christmas Carol Concert of the University Christian Association to be held at the Great Hall of the University tomorrow, Dec. 22, at 9 p.m.

His Excellency the Acting Governor will attend Divine Service at St. John's Cathedral on Dec. 25 at 11 a.m. Later in the day His Excellency, attended by his Aide-de-Camp and Private Secretary, will proceed to Fanling Lodge for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

As on and from January 7, 1941, the telephone number of the H.K. Daily Press will be 33225, instead of 30251. The other line, 33383, remains unchanged.

His Excellency the Acting Governor will be present at the Kwantung Races to be held on Thursday, Dec. 26, at 2.30 p.m.

Candidates in "First Aid to the Injured" who attended the recent course of lectures given by Dr. P. Ruttonjee are notified that an examination will be conducted by Dr. J. E. Dorey at St. John Ambulance Headquarters, 141 Hang Road, on Friday, Dec. 27, at 5 p.m.

The Government House Sewing Centre of the B.W.O.F. will be closed on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. The Knitting Centre at the Helena May Institute will be closed on Dec. 26.

Mr. Wong Sik-kuen, Deputy Division A.R.P. Warden, has been appointed to be an Honorary Aide-de-Camp to His Excellency the Acting Governor.

It was inadvertently reported in our columns yesterday that Mr. Y. K. See would appear in the H.K. University Christian Association's annual concert for the poor. We regret the error.

The next Matriculation Examination of the Hongkong University will commence on Tuesday, June 3, 1941. Entries for this examination will close on Feb. 1, 1941.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of Messrs. Cable and Wireless, Ltd.: Sincere, 8 Des Voeux Road (from Kulangan); Lu Sen-sun; American Express, (from Canton).

An exposition of Chinese calligraphy, held under the joint auspices of the Institute of Culture of China and the Sino-British Institute of Culture, was held in the Fung Ping-shan Library yesterday. A collection of rare specimens, the writings were the works of old and new masters, some of them dating to the Tang Dynasty.

FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:—

Mr. Mak Sai-leung of No. 64, High St., and Miss Ng Mo-ching, of No. 135, Third St.

Mr. Mak Shu-hi, merchant, residing at No. 104, Canton Road, and Miss Lai Fui-shung, of No. 10, Lan Kwai-fong.

Unruly Mob Outside Chinese Bank

The Police Emergency Unit was called out to the Nanking Commercial Bank, at No. 65, Connaught Road West, on Thursday, when the crowds gathered outside the premises became unruly as the result of their inability to see the bank officials after the bank had closed its doors.

The reason for the closure was, it was understood, due to a distraint order taken out against it by its creditors.

MORE NAZI PRESSURE ON VICHY EXPECTED OVER THE LAVAL INCIDENT

It seems probable that within the next few days, German pressure on the Vichy Government will be increased," said MR. VERNON BARTLETT, well-known M.P. and commentator, when he broadcast from London yesterday on the facts behind the recent news from Europe.

"I have been thinking," began Mr. Bartlett, "over the fantastic story about M. Laval. There has been a lot of speculation about the conversation that took place between Marshal Petain and Herr Otto Abetz, Herr Hitler's emissary, and whether M. Laval was actually obliged to try and get Marshal Petain into occupied France, one can never know, but from the facts known we have to draw the conclusion that Marshal Petain considered the dismissal of Laval necessary and so important that he even announced it and M. Laval was placed under arrest."

NAZI CONTROL

"Herr Abetz then had to talk to the Marshal and the Marshal's own private car was sent to fetch M. Laval to freedom."

"The first conclusion is that the administration at Vichy is under greater German control than was imagined and that there is not much difference today between occupied and unoccupied France, though it is probably more difficult to live in occupied France than in the unoccupied parts."

Mr. Bartlett went on to express the view, however, that the Vichy Government was not very anxious to do anything to help Herr Hitler to march to the Mediterranean.

"By this incident over M. Laval," continued the speaker, "French public opinion will be strengthened in a desire for a British victory, because however patriotic Marshal Petain may be, it is clear that he is not master in his own house."

"It seems probable, therefore, that within the next few days, German pressure will be increased on the Vichy Government. It is also probable that the Laval incident has so emphasised the weakness of the Vichy Government, that those French possessions that can resist Herr Hitler will be more anxious than ever to do so."

ABJECT SLAVERY

"There is very little evidence that Herr Hitler's New Order is anything but abject slavery. Early on October, for instance, a German paper printed an article in which the writer said that the Germans would emerge from the war a rich people."

"The writer argued that despite the high cost of German armaments, the gains from the war would soon make for it and that the revenue which can be expected from taxation, etc., from the new parts of the Reich will bring compensation for the money spent on German armaments."

"This means," continued Mr. Bartlett, "that the slave cities, which hoped that they would regain their liberty as soon as the war is over, will be taxed, if Germany wins, of course, until they pay for the whole burden of armaments and presumably for the burden of armaments which Germany will have to maintain against those outside German control."

Mr. Bartlett then went on to describe conditions in Poland and quoted from another German article which said: "You only have to treat a Pole like a German to make a human being out of him." This accounted for the fact that some Polish workers were being accorded special treatment, since the Germans wanted these workers to work for them in Germany.

UNATTRACTIVE PROPOSITION

After referring to the food situation in occupied Poland and the fact that the greater part of the food reserves were being taken by the Germans, Mr. Bartlett said that it was not only the Poles that Herr Hitler's New Order was an unattractive proposition, but in every occupied country.

He gave as an example the high Security Commission says: "There is a little enemy activity last explanation was that the people night but during the early hours were smoking more cigarettes to of darkness a few bombs were, calm their nerves but the fact was dropped, mainly in south and that a large portion of the tobacco southeast England. These caused supplies had been reserved for the little damage and very few casualties."

HOPES REVIVED

In concluding, Mr. Bartlett stated that up to Sept. 3, he had noticed that the number of radio licences taken out in Holland showed that 130,000 more wireless sets were being used than in December last year. There were similar large increases in almost every country under Nazi rule and it meant that more people in those countries were intent on listening to English broadcasts, despite the restrictions against them. Referring to the encouraging news from the Mediterranean war zone, Mr. Bartlett said:—

"The millions of people who have been made prisoners by this international civil war and who cannot escape and the millions in the occupied territories have been given fresh courage to hold out and fresh hopes of rescue from their position."

PHYSICAL TRAINING DISPLAY GOVERNOR AT FINAL

A physical competition between about 30 Chinese vernacular schools was staged on the Hongkong Football Club ground yesterday morning.

His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut.-General E. F. Norton, accompanied by Capt. S. H. Batty-Smith, A.D.C., was present at the final.

The judges were Miss S. M. Swift, Lieut. B. J. B. Morahan, Mr. C. M. McEwan and Mr. I. S. Wan.

Schools awarded certificates of merits were: Kowloon: Ling Tung, Kowloon Tong, China Boys, Yeuk Chi Fung Lam, and Ming Tak; Hongkong boys' schools: Chung Wah, Kim Sin, Tung Ching, Tuen Man, Fong Lam, Tak Ming, St. Louis Industrial School and Tong Kiu; Hongkong girls' schools: Hongkong True Light, Sung Lan, Wah Kiu, Pui Ching and Suk Chi.

NEW ENGLAND 'QUAKE'

BOSTON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—Thousands of people were awakened by an earthquake which shook a wide area in New England States early today.

People rushed into the streets in their night attire but no serious damage is hitherto reported.

ART EXHIBITION IN MOSCOW

Next January will mark one year of the Chinese Art Exhibition in Moscow.

In view of its great success it has been decided to prolong the Exhibition which has recently been enriched by additional exhibits contributed by the Chinese Government, says a Moscow dispatch. Since its opening at the beginning of this year 80,000 people have visited it. (Central News).

LITTLE ACTIVITY

LONDON, Dec. 20 (BWS).—An Air Ministry and Ministry for Home

He gave as an example the high Security Commission says: "There is a little enemy activity last explanation was that the people night but during the early hours were smoking more cigarettes to of darkness a few bombs were, calm their nerves but the fact was dropped, mainly in south and that a large portion of the tobacco southeast England. These caused supplies had been reserved for the little damage and very few casualties."

GREEKS CONTINUE TO BATTER BACK ITALIANS ON THE ALBANIAN FRONT

FRESH PUSH IN ADRIATIC COASTAL SECTOR

THE GREEKS ARE CONTINUING TO BATTER BACK THE ITALIANS ON THE ALBANIAN FRONT, ACCORDING TO A LONDON MESSAGE.

General Papagos, the Greek Commander, in a statement made yesterday said: "The winter will speed up the enemy's collapse and soon we will be able to smash him up completely and throw him into the sea."

A later report stated that the Greeks have taken 600 prisoners in hand-to-hand fighting and that two more important heights have been taken in the north.

British Siege Of Bardia

COASTAL ROAD TO TOBRUK CUT

CAIRO, Dec. 20 (Reuter) — The greater part of two Italian divisions, it is estimated here, are in the iron grip of the British siege of Bardia. The strength of the Imperial forces around the Italian base is increasing hourly as lorry loads of supporting infantry are rushed up.

Although no confirmation can be obtained, it is believed that British advanced mobile forces have cut the coastal road winding along the cliffs from Bardia to Tobruk.

A Nairobi communique says that the Somali front post of El Uak has been reduced to ruins by our troops and materials of no value to them, burned the buildings. Our troops then returned to their base. We lost two men killed and 12 were wounded. The Italians lost 50 killed and 120 prisoners.

After the flight of their Commander, the Italian troops followed him. Some of the Africans courageously tried to continue the fight.

A fresh Greek push is also reported in the Adriatic coastal sector and the Italians are being chased back along the road to Chimara.

A Greek communique issued in Athens stated: "Fighting continues successfully. The enemy, in spite of stubborn resistance, has been driven back at the point of the bayonet, leaving large quantities of stores in our hands. Enemy bombers again made attacks on our hospitals, in spite of the Red Cross warnings on them."

Another report states that the Albanians are not showing any keenness to fight for their Italian oppressors and it has been discovered that one Albanian has been killed in the recent fighting for every 98 Italians.

In the meantime, the Royal Air Force has struck at Valona, Italy's second biggest seaport, where docks and warehouses were hit.

FOUR TO ONE

ATHENS, Dec. 20 (Reuter) — Greek troops were outnumbered on the frontier by four to one and by much more in artillery and other material when Italy began her attack on Oct. 28.

This was disclosed in an official statement issued today.

On the first day of the war, Greek forces facing the Italians were composed of one regiment only, supported by a single bat-

tery of artillery in the Pindus sector and one division and brigade in the Koritza sector.

These two-and-a-half Greek divisions faced seven Italian divisions, three cavalry regiments, one regiment of grenadiers, over 30 batteries of heavy artillery, machine-gun battalions, a battalion of customs guards and a section of tanks.

SARDONIC COMMENT

Meanwhile, there is a good deal of sardonic comment on the Mufti of Tirana's recent vain effort to stimulate the ardour of Albanians who are not showing any keenness to fight for their oppressors.

In an effort to spur them on, the Mufti is reported to have claimed that Albanian women were clamouring to take up arms.

It is pointed out here that the Albanians themselves, who are accustomed to arms from infancy, could easily have raised an army of 100,000 men.

But when the Italians attacked with 19 divisions, there were only two Albanian battalions. Moreover, official Italian casualties lists show one Albanian killed to every 98 Italians and one Albanian wounded to every 43 Italians.

These figures, it is pointed out here, are the measure of Albanian enthusiasm for the war engineered by their oppressors.

LORDS AND ALLIED GOVTS. IN BRITAIN

Privileges Bill Pass Second Reading

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter) — A Bill to confer diplomatic privileges on Allied and associated governments in Britain received its second reading in the House of Lords yesterday.

The object of the Bill, according to the Lord Chancellor (Lord Simon) proposes to confer a position corresponding to that of members of the Diplomatic Corps upon members and senior officials of Allied Governments stationed in this country.

Poland, Norway, the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Provisional Czech-Slovak Government and the Czech and senior officials of recognised associated national authorities such as the Free French Movement established in Britain.

FOREIGN ENVOY

The second clause of the Bill is intended to meet the case of foreign diplomatic envoys and their staffs accredited to the Allied governments which are at present in this country because the Allied governments are here.

Suggesting that the Bill might be regarded in a more or less prosaic manner, the Lord Chancellor said: "I wish to present it as an emblem of the regard and sympathy with which His Majesty's Government feel for the Allied governments that did not lose heart when their countries were successfully struck down by the treacherous and brutal aggression of the enemy."

Both the Liberal and Labour Parties supported the Bill and paid tributes to the assistance rendered by the Allied governments and the Free French Movement in Britain.

Chinese Are Trying To Recover Green Tea Market In French Morocco

CHUNGKING, Dec. 20 (Reuter) — Chinese tea authorities are trying to recover the green tea market in French Morocco and other parts of North Africa. It was learned here.

French Morocco used to take from 21,000,000 to 22,000,000 lbs. of Chinese green tea yearly, roughly one-half of the total Chinese annual export of that particular brand.

32 RICE MERCHANTS SUMMONED

The first prosecutions in Hongkong under the new regulations restricting the prices of rice were heard at the Central Magistracy yesterday when 32 rice merchants in various parts of the city were summoned before Mr. G. T. Lowry for selling rice in excess of the prices fixed by the Controller of Food as published in the Government Gazette of Dec. 5.

Fifteen of the defendants were represented by Mr. J. M. d'Almeida Remedios and one by Mr. M. A. da Silva. Hearing was fixed for Dec. 23 at noon.

Mr. F. W. Shaftain, Assistant Director of the Criminal Intelligence, said that there could not be any plea of ignorance as wide publicity had been given through the medium of the Press. He asked his Worship to take a serious view.

Mr. Lowry said that if it should be found that it was a case of "sheer profiteering" he would impose a very heavy sentence.

Insp. F. D. B. Tuckett, Sub-Insp. W. N. Darkin and Acting Sub-Insp. C. Byron prosecuted.

NANKING FEDERAL RESERVE BANK

TOKYO, Dec. 20 (Reuter) — In a move to extend its authority over the currency field, the Nanking regime yesterday announced the organisation of the Federal Reserve Bank, according to reports reaching Tokyo.

According to the manifesto, issued by Mr. Chou Fu-hai, the bank will issue notes which will be regarded as legal tender and circulate provisionally at par with the existing notes issued by the Chungking Government.

Since the collapse of France, the British Navy has been blockading the coast of French Morocco and Chinese tea circles argue that as green tea consumed by French Morocco is not suitable for European markets, it is unlikely that it would be re-exported to Germany.

Mr. P. E. Witham, British technical adviser to the China National Tea Corporation, presented unofficially the facts of the Chinese viewpoint to the British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clerk Kerr, with a request to forward the information.

China is also endeavouring to develop the tea market in Malacca.

BRITAIN HAS ORDERED

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Mr. Morgenthau gave no details of the orders, but it is believed that they include 12,000 additional planes, 2,000 to 2,500 tanks and additional guns and ammunition. It has also been arranged to buy 60 merchant ships, of 9,500 tons each, to be built in United States shipyards. It was reported that the contract for this was signed yesterday.

MORE WAR PLANES

According to a report from Washington, quoted by the London message, Britain has obtained many times more war planes from United States factories than the United States Army has got. It is believed that in November Britain received ten times as more.

News has also reach London of a new addition to the British resources in the shape of 19 German cargo steamers, which had been seized by the Netherlands East Indies and which are now on their way to Britain.

All this lends confirmation to Mr. Churchill's statement in the House of Commons on Thursday that the help coming to Britain from the United States means "that in 1941 we shall be a well armed nation."

VITAL ITALIAN AERODROME BOMBED

CAIRO, Dec. 20 (Reuter) — The Italian aerodrome of Benina, near Benghazi—the important Italian base on the Libyan coast—was the subject of one of the heaviest raids of the war in the Western Desert on Tuesday night.

Many tons of bombs were dropped and great damage was caused to aircraft and buildings, states a British Air Force communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

British planes arrived in waves and the fires started by the first flight increased with each subsequent attack. Numerous explosions occurred and at least 18 Italian planes were destroyed. When the last British planes left, there was a general conflagration and dense volumes of smoke covered the whole aerodrome.

The Bardia-Tobruk road, was also bombed but little movement was observed.

British fighter planes continue to patrol and to co-operate with British ground forces.

HEAVY BOMBERS RAID MILAN

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter) — When British heavy bombers raided Milan on Wednesday night a great rectangular fire a quarter of a mile long was left flaring in the Pirelli Works which hold large stocks of rubber and are well-known for the manufacture of motor tyres.

They are peculiarly vulnerable to air attacks, says the Air Ministry, since they lie between two conspicuous railway systems and can be recognised with comparative ease.

Though the raiding force was not large, the attack was remarkably effective. One pilot said: "Scores of fires started by incendiaries merged into a huge oblong blaze with explosions continually bursting up through the flames."

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter) — A Rhodesian squadron raided enemy aircraft and troops in the Metemma area while other aircraft attacked Jebel Irobati, 30 miles north-east of Kassala.

"Land Racketeering" In The Colony

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pushed up so high that, at times, it reaches three or four times its original upset price.

APPROPRIATE MOMENT

Experience has taught members of this "syndicate" when the appropriate moment to retire from the bidding has arrived. At times, of course, they burn their fingers by having the lot knocked down to them, in which case they pay down the necessary deposit (\$200) and proceed, during the two weeks' grace allowed all successful bidders, to look for "a sucker" to buy the land off them. Should they fail to sell the lot within the two weeks, then they simply forfeit the \$200 and nothing more is heard of the transaction.

But, and this is where the bite comes in, a person will not take the trouble of applying for a lot of Crown land unless he or she is desirous of purchasing it and at a price which would, at the most, be about 80 to 70 per cent. more than that set by the Government.

Working on this, the "syndicate," according to the informant, usually get the applicant's, or his nearest rival's, agreement to paying over

\$1,000 or more (depending on the value of the land) to keep out of the bidding. Not so bad for a day's work!

A SUGGESTION

It would be most interesting to see whether bidding at Crown land sales would continue to be keen if Government was to stipulate that a deposit of not less than 15 per cent. of the amount bid would have to be paid immediately on conclusion of the sale. The deposit required from an applicant could also be increased to, say, 10 per cent. of the upset price.

Such a ruling would, at least, result in a truer indication of land values in Hongkong being shown at the land sales.

There is one very important point which should be stressed and that is that the official presiding at these sales is entirely unaware of the existence of this "syndicate" at his auctions; and that there is nothing he can do to put a stop to it in future as long as the existing condition, that a deposit of \$200 has to be paid by the successful bidder, if other than the original applicant, etc., remains unchanged.

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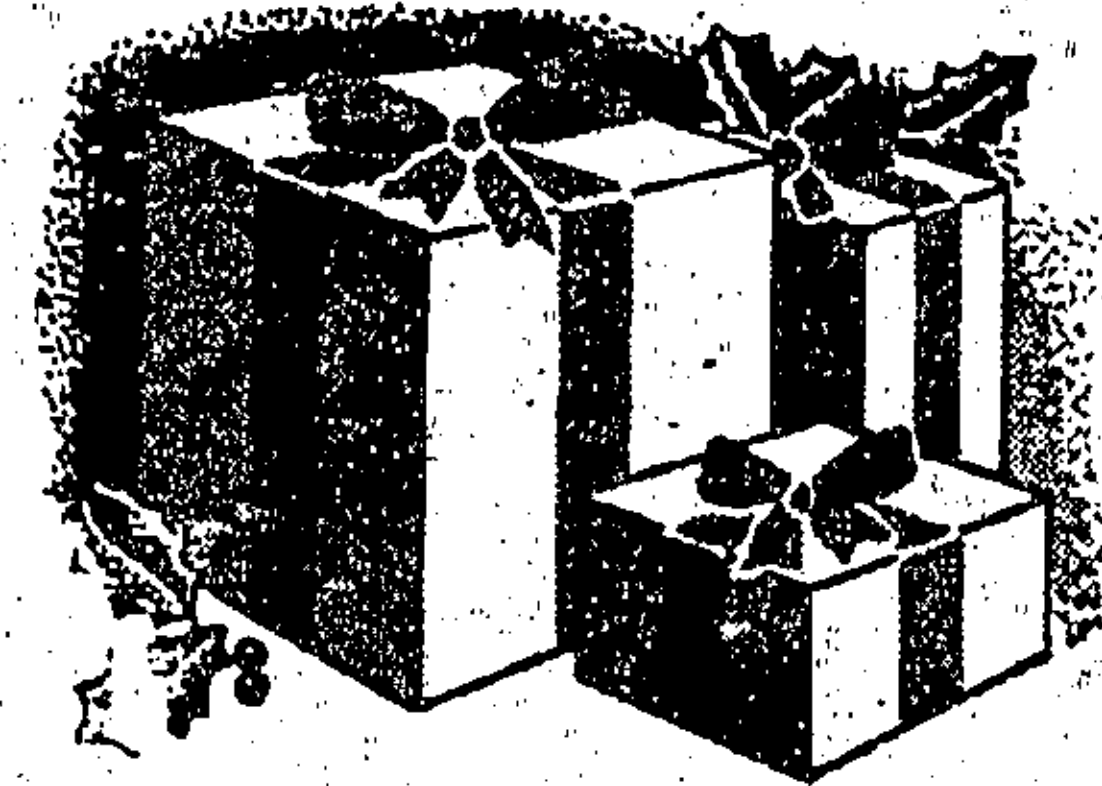
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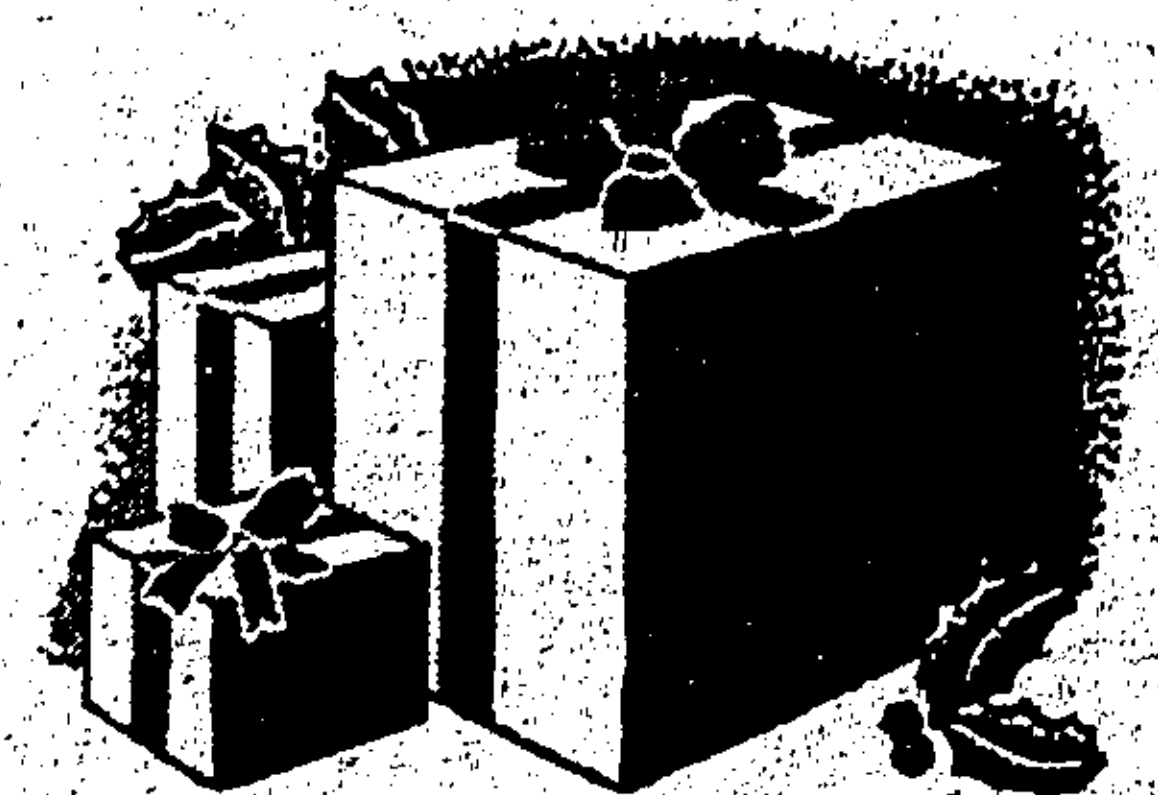


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APPLICATION FOR REDUCTION OF CAPITAL

An application by Maraman Hongkong China Limited for a reduction of capital from £500,000 to £250,000 was granted by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Supreme Court yesterday.

In making the application, Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. E. Davidson of Messrs. Hastings, said that the firm was incorporated in Hongkong on Nov. 26, 1926. The reason for the application, went on Counsel, was the ordinary and straightforward use of loss. The loss shown on the balance

ADML. TO TRAVEL BY WARSHIP

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (Reuter) — Admiral William Leahy, the new American Ambassador to the Vichy Government, will sail aboard an American cruiser from Norfolk, Virginia, en route to Vichy via Lisbon, accompanied by his wife.

Admiral Leahy made this announcement after a farewell visit to President Roosevelt.

Admiral Leahy's last visit to the White House was in April last when he was £194,000, but on further investigation, a further loss of £20,000 was discovered. The total loss of £214,000 was, said Counsel, about half of the firm's paid-up capital.

Cholera Ban Lifted

A Colonial Secretariat notification issued yesterday states that quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Mentain on account of Cholera have been removed.

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter) — Lord Lothian's death was due to toxic poisoning which affected his heart, according to accounts received from the Embassy in Washington. This statement was made by Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons yesterday.

The Central Bank of China has opened a new branch at Enshih in southwest Hupeh. (Central News).

PAGE FOR THE CHURCHES

CATHOLIC NEWS & NOTES

CHRISTMAS WEEK: THE ABBOT OF PRINKNASH; TIME BOMB HEROES

THE DISTINCTIVE FEATURE OF CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IS THE CELEBRATION OF THREE MASSES ON CHRISTMAS DAY. Equally distinctive in many places is the Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve, though this is not a universal custom. The three Masses symbolise particularly the triple birth of Jesus Christ: first, the eternal generation of the Son of God as a distinct Person from the Father in the Holy Trinity; second, the birth as man, which is celebrated at Christmas; and third, the birth which is in the power of each individual to, being about, His spiritual coming into the individual souls of those who accept and follow Him. Attendance at one Mass, is all that the Church requires on Christmas Day.

Midnight Mass is obviously suggested by the Gospel story of the Angels' message to the shepherds who watched their flocks at night, telling them that the expected Massias had come. In many places this year because of the black-out it will not be possible to have Mass at midnight.

In these cases the Pope has given special permission for the celebration of Mass at an earlier hour, before dark, on Christmas Eve. This is a most unusual concession, but the times are unusual, and the celebration of evening Mass was common in the early Church. In Hongkong Midnight Mass will be said as usual in the various churches.

The feasts of the three days following Christmas are all important ones. The 26th is the feast of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. His bold statement of Christ's position as the Messiah, which was the immediate cause of his death, is given in the "Acts of the Apostles." St. John, the Apostle and Evangelist, is commemorated on the 27th, and 28th is Holy Innocents' Day, the day commemorating the children put to death by Herod in the hope of killing the infant "King of the Jews."

ABBOT OF PRINKNASH
The revived mention of Caldey, as a result of the fire which destroyed a large part of it, brought special attention to the most celebrated of its monks, Dom Wilfrid Upton, O.S.B., now Abbot of Prinknash, who recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination. He was a member of the Anglican community of Caldey which was received into the Catholic Church in 1913.

It was his unsuccessful effort to receive Anglican Orders that, more than anything else, led to the conversion of the community. He and the other monks had been formed into a regular monastic community with the approval of the Archbishop of Canterbury, but when he applied for Holy Orders he found that he could receive them on conditions inconsistent with the monastic life. This led the monks to a complete re-examination of their position and then to their submission to the Holy See.

When the community left Caldey for Prinknash (pronounced PRINKASH) and Dom Upton was made its first Abbot, the need of a new church and abbey became apparent, and the monks themselves set about the task of building them. The architect for the building is Mr. H. S. Goodhart-Rendel, President of the Royal Institute of British Architects, who is a convert to the Catholic Faith.

The foundation stone was laid by Cardinal Hinsley in 1938, and the last message sent to England by the late Pope Pius XI was a message of congratulation to the monks on their decision to be their own builders.

TIME BOMB HEROES

Many of the war decorations given both to soldiers and civilians are awarded, very naturally, to those who risk their lives in disposing of the time bombs dropped in the air-raid.

One of the recipients of the Empire Gallantry Medal for this work was 2-Lt. Wallace L. Andrews, a Catholic, an old boy of St. George's School, Taunton, Somerset, and an architect by profession.

He was engaged in extracting the fuse from a time bomb that fell, unexploded, one of the first to fall near the city. After the fuse had been withdrawn a little it dropped back as if on a spring, and removal was attempted several times without success. Then Lt. Andrews placed his section under cover, tied a length of string to the fuse discharger

CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL

The following are the forthcoming services at the Catholic Cathedral, Catharine Road:

4th Sunday in Advent Morning services: 1st Mass 6 with sermon in Chinese, 2nd Mass 8 with sermon in English, 3rd Mass 10 with sermon in English. Evening services: 3.30 Catechetical Instruction, 4. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Holy Rosary, Novena for Christmas and Benediction. Dec. 23—The Novena for Christmas, 5.30 p.m. Dec. 24—Vigil of Christmas—Fast Day The Novena for Christmas 5.30 p.m. Solemn Pontifical Mass at midnight. Christmas Day—(Holy Day of obligation). The Nativity of Our Lord, Morning services: 1st Mass 6, 2nd Mass 8 with sermon in English, 3rd Mass 10 Solemn High Mass. Evening services: 3.30 Catechetical Instruction, 4. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Holy Rosary and Benediction. Dec. 25—St. Stephen From today the solemnisation of marriages is permitted. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 5.30 p.m. On week days: Mass 6 and 7.30—Confessions morning and evening.

One of the men who helped to remove the heavy bomb which threatened to destroy St. Paul's Cathedral, London, was also a Catholic. He was John Wilson, a twenty-year old army driver from Blackburn.

CONFUSING NAMES

The "Holy Catholic Church of Japan" which has requested its British and American bishops to resign, is not what its name would lead most people to believe, but a Protestant body. A number of British and American Protestant Missions amalgamated to form this Church.

Among Japan's Roman Catholics the native clergy are growing in numbers, though foreign missionaries still outnumber Japanese priests. The head of the Catholic Church in Japan is the Archbishop of Tokyo, Mgr. Doi, who is a Japanese. So is the Bishop of Nagasaki, Mgr. Yamaguchi. Three Frenchmen and a French Canadian rule the other Japanese dioceses.

Nagasaki is the diocese where some hundreds of Japanese kept the Faith in secret and without priests or Sacraments, from shortly after the days of St. Francis Xavier till the revocation of the penal laws in modern times. It is a story unique in Church history.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH
4th Sunday in Advent, First Mass and General Communion 8 a.m. Second Mass 10 a.m., followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Dec. 24: Vigil of Christmas. Fast Day. At midnight: High Mass and General Communion, followed by a Low Mass, Christmas Day. Three Low Masses, starting 8 a.m. Last Mass 10 a.m., followed by Benediction. On week days, Holy Mass 8 a.m. On the Vigil of Christmas, Confessions will be heard during the whole afternoon and evening, until midnight. Confessions are heard every day, before and after Mass, on Saturdays, the special time for Confessions is from 4.30 to 8 p.m.

ENGLISH METHODIST CHURCH, HONGKONG
Queen's Road East Opposite the Royal Naval Hospital.

Preachers: Morning—Rev. J. E. Sandbach. Evening—Rev. E. Moreton. Morning Prayer Service 10.15 a.m. Hymn 118, Prayer, Hymn 142, First Lesson, Hymn 143, Second Lesson, Prayer, Notices, Offertory, Hymn 125, Sermon, Hymn 129, Benediction. Evening Service 7 p.m. This will take the form of a special full Carol Service.

NOTICES FOR WEEK
Following the Evening Service a Social Hour will be held at 8 & 8 Home 8.15 p.m. All Servicemen and civilians warmly welcomed. Monday 8.30 p.m. General Committee at 8 & 8 Home. Monday and Tuesday 7.30 p.m. Servicemen's Christmas dinner and concert at 8 & 8 Home. The presence of our civilians friends will be welcomed particularly that of the ladies. Christmas Day, United Service at 10.30 a.m. (instead of 10.15 a.m.) in which our friends, from the Union Churches, will share.

UNION CHURCH (KENNEDY ROAD)
Morning worship 10.30 a.m. Preacher: Rev. E. Moreton. Evening Worship 8 p.m. Preacher: Rev. J. E. Sandbach. Christmas Day—United Service at 10.30 a.m. in the English Methodist Church (Queen's Road East opposite the Royal Naval Hospital).

ST. ANDREW'S (Church of England, Kowloon)
Fourth Sunday in Advent—Holy Communion 8 a.m. Young People's Service in Church 10 a.m. Leader: Miss E. Gibbins. Primary Sunday School in hall 10 a.m. Leader: Miss W. Robinson. Matins and address 11 a.m. Preacher: The Vicar. Christmas Carol Service 8.15 p.m. The Sunday Club will be held after evening service.

WEEK-DAY NOTICES
Medical War Working Party for China 10 a.m.

Dec. 23, Fellowship of Youth's Christmas Carol Party will tour Kowloon from 7.30 p.m. Collection in aid of St. Dunstan's. Andrew's Club Christmas carnival party will be held 8.45 p.m. Dec. 24, Intercession Service in connexion with war 8 p.m.

ST. PETER'S SEAMEN'S ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

(The Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute, Hongkong).

4th Sunday in Advent 8 a.m. Holy Communion 8 p.m. Short evening service. Preacher, Rev. Cyril Brown, M.A. Social hour after the evening service.

Christmas Day, 8 a.m. Holy Communion 6.30 p.m. Short evening service. Preacher, Rev. Cyril Brown, M.A. 7 p.m. Christmas dinner for seafarers.

N.B.—The Church is open to the general public.

ST. TERESA'S CHURCH

Sat., 3.30 p.m. Meeting of St. Teresa's C.Y.L.A. Dec. 22, 4th Sunday of Advent: 6.30 a.m. Holy Mass with Sermon in Chinese, 8.30 a.m. Mass, Sermon in English and Benediction with the Novena for Christmas. 10. Holy Mass with Sermon in English. Christmas Eve: Fast Day. At 9 p.m. Social gathering at C.Y.M.S. Hall and Christmas Hampers for the Poor. At midnight, Solemn High Mass.

CHRIST CHURCH (KOWLOON TONG)

IVth Sunday in Advent—7.15 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Matins and Sermon. Preacher, The Vicar. 11 a.m. Christmas Eve Festival Service of Holy Communion in Mandarin. Preacher, The Dean. 6.30 p.m. Evensong. Dec. 23, Full dress rehearsal of Christmas Play, with music 6 p.m. In Church: Dec. 24, 10.45 p.m. Carols, Christmas Play and Midnight Eucharist.

Amongst others the following citations will be read from the Bible: "And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good." (Genesis 1:31)

The following citations will also be read from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "The Scriptures declare all that He made to be good, like Himself,—good in Principle and in Idea. Therefore the spiritual universe is good, and reflects God as He is. The divine Principle and idea constitute spiritual harmony— heaven and eternity. In the universe of Truth, matter is unknown. No supposition of error enters there. Divine Science, the Word of God, saith to the darkness upon the face of error, 'God is All-in-all,' and the light of ever-present Love illumines the universe. Hence the eternal wonder—that infinite space is peopled with God's ideas, reflecting Him in endless spiritual forms. The notion of a material universe is utterly opposed to the theory of man as evolved from Mind. Such fundamental errors send falsity into all human doctrines and conclusions, and do not accord infantly to Deity." (Science and Health, Pages 288-593, 545)

ANNOUNCEMENT
First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hongkong (a Branch of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.), No. 31 Macdonnell Road, close to Peak Tram Station. Sunday Service 11.15 a.m. Testimony Meeting, Wednesday 8 p.m. A Reading Room is maintained in the Church Building and is open on Monday, Thursday and Saturday mornings from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 5.30 to 7 p.m. All authorised Christian literature is available at the Reading Room.

The public is cordially invited to attend the services and to visit the Reading Room.

ST. ANDREW'S
There will be no parade next week. Field Company Engineers. There will be no parade next week. Corps Signals.

There will be no further parade until Jan. 8 with the exception of such Fatigue parades as may be ordered by the C.S.M.

Mobile Column
Dec. 27, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. All ranks. Talk by O.C. Dress—Muff. All S.B.R.s not already engaged in will be brought on this parade.

No. 1 Company
The next parade will be on Jan. 6, H.Q. 8.30 a.m. Platoons will proceed to P. Areas.

No. 3 Company
There will be no further parades until Jan. 6 with exception of Fatigue parades for those detailed.

All ranks are reminded that Muster Table B will be fired at Kowloon City Range on Jan. 12.

No. 4 Company
Next parade will be at H.Q. at 5.30 p.m. on Jan. 3. Completion of T.O. E.T. Classes 9 and 10, all recruits and men who have not yet completed the Tests as detailed, will parade.

No. 5 Company
There will be no parade until further orders.

No. 6 Company
There will be no parade until further orders.

No. 7 Company
There will be no further parade until Jan. 6.

Army Service Corps Company
There will be no parade until the New Year. All S.B.R.s to be returned without delay.

Field Ambulance
There will be no parade till Jan. 6. Pay Section.

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INCREASED CANADIAN TRADE FORESEEN

Pointing to increased Canadian trade and domination of world trade by the British Empire and the United States after a year of war, the Minister of Trade and Commerce, Hon. J. A. MacKinnon, declared recently, "This is convincing evidence of what the end of the conflict must be."

"Resources are the sinews of war as never before," the Minister said. "To be able to transport these resources and deliver them where they are required is the keynote of victory."

The Minister termed Canada's commercial position as "remarkably sound" and said this is of utmost importance, since international commerce is vital to Canada and the state of that commerce reflects Canada's domestic welfare. When German aggression shut off trade with Norway, the Netherlands, Belgium and France, important changes in Canada's overseas trade took place, and alternative markets for sale of Dominion commodities had to be found. "We have succeeded surprisingly well, thanks to the Royal Navy and the Royal Canadian Navy," said the Minister's statement.

Canada had displaced Germany as the third exporting country of the world, coming next to the United Kingdom and the United States, and he declared that "despite the war, which naturally has aided this situation, this is a remarkable accomplishment for a country whose population is only somewhat over 11,000,000." Larger than in any year in the last decade, Canadian trade now stands at \$2,149,000,000 for the first twelve months of war, an increase over the previous twelve months of more than \$592,000,000.

EXPORTS GREATER

"Exports of Canadian products at \$1,150,000,000 are \$159,000,000 greater than our imports, and this balance of trade is highly important," said the Minister's statement. "It puts Canadian credits abroad in a very sound position. In addition there is gold, which is not included in these figures." Imports had increased almost 50 per cent over those of the previous twelve months, but were largely raw materials, which indicated busy factories in Canada. They will be reflected in advancing exports as time goes on.

"Cutting off trade with the countries overrun by the Nazis left more open to us many of the

Yunnan To Increase Salt Production

KUNMING, Dec. 20 (Central).—Increase in production and in the efficiency of transportation, betterment of the treatment of the labourers and establishment of district salt stores are set as the objectives to be attained by Mr. Chang Chung-li, newly-appointed Director of the Yunnan Salt Administration of the Ministry of Finance, who was sworn in office yesterday. Mr. Chang succeeds Mr. Chang Hsu-wen, who has been transferred to Chungking.

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Dec. 18 (Reuters). Tin, Standard, Cash, Middle Price, £257-1/8. Tin, Standard, 3 months Middle Price, £259-7/8. Market barely steady.

BROKERS' LOANS

New York, Dec. 19 (Reuters). Loans on securities to brokers in New York:— Wk.-ended Wk.-ended Wk.-ended 14/12/39 12/12/40 19/12/40 \$638,000,000 \$380,000,000 \$400,000,000

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER London, Dec. 18 (Reuters). Silver—Little bear covering in the absence of offers. Business very small. Market steady. Spot, 23d. Forward, 22-15/16d.

BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, Dec. 19 (Reuters). Market—Quiet. Otfake 100 bars Indian Mint Silver Ready 60-14 Dec. 27 Settlement 60-13 Jan. 22 Settlement 60-13

Canada is the world's largest producer of platinum, in 1939 producing 244,304 ounces of platinum and allied metals, which was more than half of the estimated world output of 500,000 ounces for that year. All but a small part of the entire Canadian output comes from the nickel-copper ores of the Sudbury area in Ontario.

Finance and Commerce

CHINA INCREASES IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTION

Free China's production of iron and steel is expected to be sufficient to meet most of her military and industrial needs by the end of 1941, declared a spokesman of the Ministry of Economic Affairs.

In the face of tremendous difficulties the production of iron and steel has been steadily increasing, the spokesman asserted. Although the present output is still far from self-sufficient, a 30 per cent increase in the production this year over last year is noted. Increase in the next six months is assured by the installation of a large number of new furnaces.

China is building her own furnaces of small capacities which are a modification of the giant types of furnaces used in foreign countries. For many months in the past experts have been experimenting on 3-ton, 5-ton, 10-ton and 20-ton furnaces to suit war-time conditions.

Szechwan is now the main producing center of Free China's iron and steel. Yunnan, Shensi and Hunan provinces also produce some iron, their aggregate production being almost equal that of Szechwan.

Iron and steel manufactured by government or private mining concerns are first supplied to the Ministry of War for military uses. Any surplus is divided among industrial plants by the Iron and Steel Control Commission of the Ministry of Economic Affairs. The Commission takes care of production, purchasing and distribution of iron and steel on a national basis.

In addition to the Commission, two other government organiza-

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				Do. (Lon. Reg.)				278
				Chartered Banks				284
				Maritime Bks.				286
				Merchants Bks.				210
				Bank of East Asia				13 ct.
				N. C. & S. Banks				13 ct.
				Insurance				
				Canton Insurance				\$185
				Union Insurance				\$400
				Underwriters				80 ct.
				H.K. Firm				\$150
				Shipping				
				Donglases				\$135
				Steamboats				\$81
				Indo-China (Frg.)				\$100
				Indo-China (Def.)				\$100
				Shells				40/0
				Waterboats				\$7
				Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.				
				H.K. & K. Wharves				\$92
				Providents				\$5.60
				H.K. Docks (Old)				\$18.40
				H.K. Docks (New)				\$172
				Shanghai Docks				\$32
				Mining				
				Kailans				15/3
				Rauba				\$74
				Hong Kong Mines				
				Lands, Hotels and Buildings				
				H.K. & S. Hotels				\$31
				H.K. 4% Debentures				\$33
				Shanghai Lands				\$114
				H.K. Realities				\$7.60
				Humphreys				\$100
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				Macao Electric (New)				
				Sandakan Lights				
				Telephones (old)				\$25
				Telephones (new)				\$10
				S'pore Traction (Ord.)				
				Industrials				
				Cald, Macg. (Ord.)				
				Cald, Macg. (Pref.)				
				Canton Ins.				50 cts.
				Cementa				\$18.30
				H.K. Rope				\$7
				H.K. Govt. Loans				
				4% Loan				\$86
				3 1/2% (1934)				\$84
				3 1/2% (1940)				\$84
				Miscellaneous				
				Dairy Farms				\$19
				Entertainments				\$7
				Constructions (old)				\$1.50
				Constructions (new)				\$0
				Lane Crawford				\$2
				Manning Tobacco				\$2.10
				Sincere				\$104
				Watsons				
				Ch. G. 5% 1926 S.B.Ds				25 1/2
				H.K. Wing On				25 1/2
				S'hai Wing On				\$8
				Vibro Piling				
				Marmara Inv. (Lon)				\$1.50
				Marmara Inv. (H.K.)				
				Wm. Powell				
				Sale to Shanghai				

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

The week was notable for increased activity, caused through a general improvement in sentiment. Transactions were more widespread and covered stocks which have been dormant for sometime. Enquiries throughout were persistent resulting in a general hardening of prices, and offerings being readily absorbed. A firm tone prevailed at the close indicative of a resumption of the upward trend in the coming weeks, particularly owing to the approaching declarations of dividends and expectations of higher returns in some cases.

BUSINESS DONE DURING THE WEEK.

H.K. Banks, \$1385, \$1370.
Union Ins., \$397, \$400, \$397.
Docks (O), \$18, \$18.10, \$18, \$18.
Docks (N), \$17.
Providents, \$5, \$4.55, \$5.60, \$5.65.
Hotels, \$3.65, \$3.
Lands, \$33.
Humphreys, \$7.80.
Tramways, \$17.65, \$17.70.
Lights (O), \$7.30, \$7.35, \$7.40, \$7.
Lights (N), \$7.05, \$7.15.
Electrics (O), \$40.
Telephones (O), \$25.70, \$25.
Telephones (N), \$10.30, \$10.
Cementa, \$18.10, \$18, \$18.20, \$18.30, \$18.
Dairy Farms, \$19.
Watsons, \$10, \$10.60.

BIXERS

H.K. Banks, \$1370.
Bank of East Asia, \$74.
Canton Ins., \$185.
Union Ins., \$397.50.
Docks (N), \$17.75.
Providents, \$5.65.
Lands, \$33.60.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$157.50.
Wharves, \$32.
Docks (O), \$18.50.
Realities, \$3.75.
Trams, \$17.70.
Star Ferries, \$31.
Lights (N), C.D. \$7.15.
Electrics (O), \$40.
Electrics (N), \$39.50.
Sandakan Lights, \$11.30.
Telephones (O), \$25.50.
Cementa, \$18.45.
Ropes, \$7.05.

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Providents, \$5.70.
Electrics (O), \$40.50.
Electrics (N), \$39.
Telephones (O), \$25.
Cementa, \$18.75.
Dairy Farms, \$19.30.
Watsons, \$10.75.

Vibro Piling, \$7.70.
H.K. Banks, \$1370.
Canton Ins., \$200.
Docks (N), \$18.
Providents, \$5.70/65.
Trams, \$17.70.
Electrics (N), \$40.10.
Telephones (O), \$23.
Telephones (N), \$10.20.
Cementa, \$18.30/50.
Watsons, \$10.60/70.

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RADIO PROGRAMMES

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Chopinella (arr. Rawicz and Landauer); Liszt in Rhythm (arr. Rawicz and Landauer); Waltz Memories from Vienna (arr. Rawicz and Landauer); Schubert Time (arr. Rawicz and Landauer).

1.15 Light Orchestra Selections.

Dark Eyes (Russian Gipsy Air); Hungarian Dance No. 5 (Brahms); Rode and His Tringues, Libesfeld (Kreisler); Liebesfreud (Kreisler); Vienna Bohemian Orchestra. Berceuse (Jarnetfelt)—John Barbirolli and His Orchestra.

1.30 Reader and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Puccini's "La Boheme" Acts II and III.

Singers in order of appearance: Luigi Marini, Gino Vancelli, Rosetta Pampalini, Trancredi Pasero, Aristide Baracchi, Giuseppe Nesi, Salvatore Baccaloni, Luba Mirella, and Pull Chorus of La Scala, Milan with Orchestra.

2.30 Close down.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

7.30 Studio—Talk by Edwin Haward.

7.45 Richard Tauber (Tenor) and De Groot and His Orchestra.

Evening Song (Eustache Martin); Desert Song—Waltz (Romberg)—De Groot and The Piccadilly Orchestra.

Can I Forget You (film "High, Wide and Handsome"); Symphony (film "Firefly")—Richard Tauber (Tenor) & Orchestra. Autumn (Chaminade)—De Groot and His Orchestra.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.05 Arensky—Trio in D Minor, Op. 32.

Eileen Joyce (Piano), Henri Temlancka (Violin) and Antoni Sala (Cello).

8.30 Compositions of Tchaikowsky.

Romance—New Light Symphony Orchestra. Chauve-Souris—Duet from Pique Dame—Eugene Safonova and Finalda Erchova with The Chamberbridge Theatre Oph. None But The Weary Heart—Marek Weber and His Orchestra. Eugen Onegin—Selection—Edith Lorand and Her Viennese Orch.

8.45 Studio—Book Reviews.

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 Chopin—Concerto No. 2 in F Minor, Op. 21.

1st Mov. Allegro; 2nd Mov. Largo; 3rd Mov. Allegro vivace—Alfred Cortot (Piano) and Orch. cond. by John Barbirolli.

10.03 Hildegarde Erdmann (Soprano) singing "Ye That Now Are Sorrowful" from Brahms "Requiem."

10.15 Stagle—Sunday Evening Epilogue.

Conducted by a Minister of the Methodist Church.

10.35 Close down.

HEALTH RETURNS

The following is the Return of

notifiable diseases notified as having

occurred in the Colony during

the 24 hours ended at midnight

on Dec. 19:—Cholera, one case;

Small-Pox, two cases (two imported);

Enteric Fever, one case;

Measles, one case (imported);

Chicken-Pox, two cases; Dysentery, seven cases; Tuberculosis

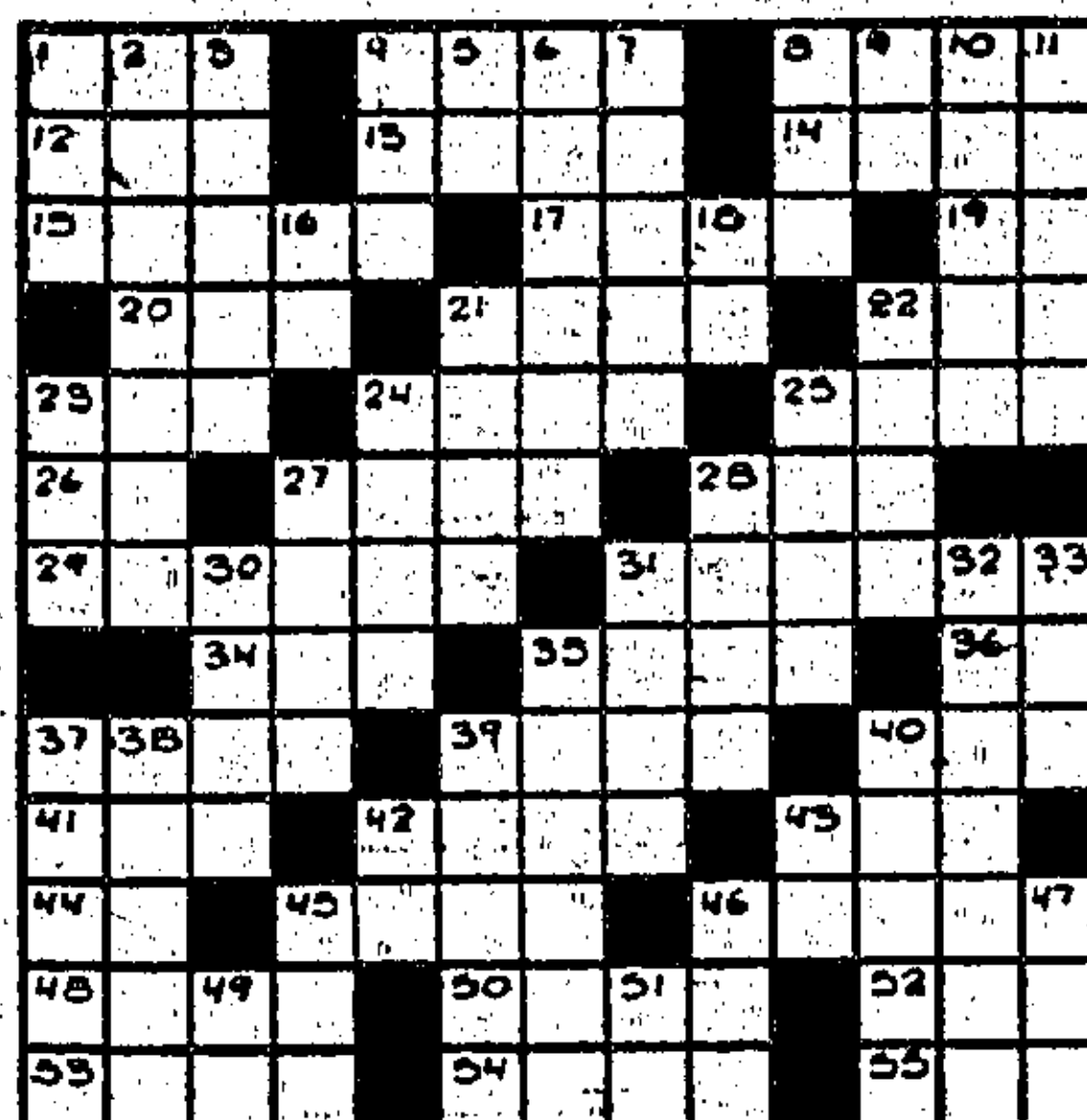
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ACROSS

- 1 Italian goddess of harvests
- 4 Hurl
- 8 Respite
- 12 Summit
- 13 Prepare newspaper copy for publication
- 14 Masculine name
- 15 Sharp
- 17 Cripple
- 19 Upon
- 20 Anger
- 21 Only this and nothing more
- 22 Danish coin
- 23 Newt
- 24 Fluff from yarn
- 25 Raised
- 26 Note of the scale
- 27 Pole to sustain sails
- 28 Serpent
- 29 Emphasis
- 31 Short letter
- 34 Conjunction
- 35 Rave
- 36 Suffix: pertaining to
- 37 Narrow strip of cloth
- 39 Implement for raising a nap
- 40 Greek letter
- 41 Member of an Indian tribe
- 42 Part of the arm
- 43 Cereal grass
- 44 Pronoun
- 45 Whack
- 46 Flower



- 48 Narrow road
- 50 Approach
- 52 Masculine name
- 53 Walked
- 54 Cuckoo-pint
- 55 Unit
- DOWN
- 1 Wood sorrel
- 2 An ocean
- 3 Sudden
- 4 Golf
- 5 Implement
- 6 Supposed
- 7 Speechless
- 8 Fish eggs
- 9 Latin conjunction
- 10 A shop
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- 18 Myself
- 21 Haze
- 22 Verbal
- 23 Greek letter
- 24 Disembark
- 25 Flash of lightning
- 27 Repair
- 28 Tie
- 30 Walking stick
- 31 Poet
- 32 Oriental
- 33 Prefix: three
- 35 Wanderer
- 37 Erected
- 38 Perfume from flowers
- 39 The color antique red
- 40 Courtyard
- 42 Exclamation
- 43 Bone
- 44 Article of furniture
- 46 Upper limb
- 47 Feminine name
- 49 Negative
- 51 Symbol for gold

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WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m., Dec. 20:

Barometer (at sea level), 30.16 ins.

Temperature, 66 F.

Humidity, 74 per cent.

Wind Direction, E.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.

Temperature maximum yesterday, 66 F.

Temperature minimum last night, 62 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10th today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st, 117.59 ins.

Against an average of, 84.79 ins.

Sunset tonight, 5.43 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 6.58 a.m.

4 p.m., Dec. 20.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.04 ins.

Temperature, 67 F.

Humidity, 76 per cent.

Wind Direction, E.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 21 to 27 Dec. 1940.

HIGH WATER. LOW WATER

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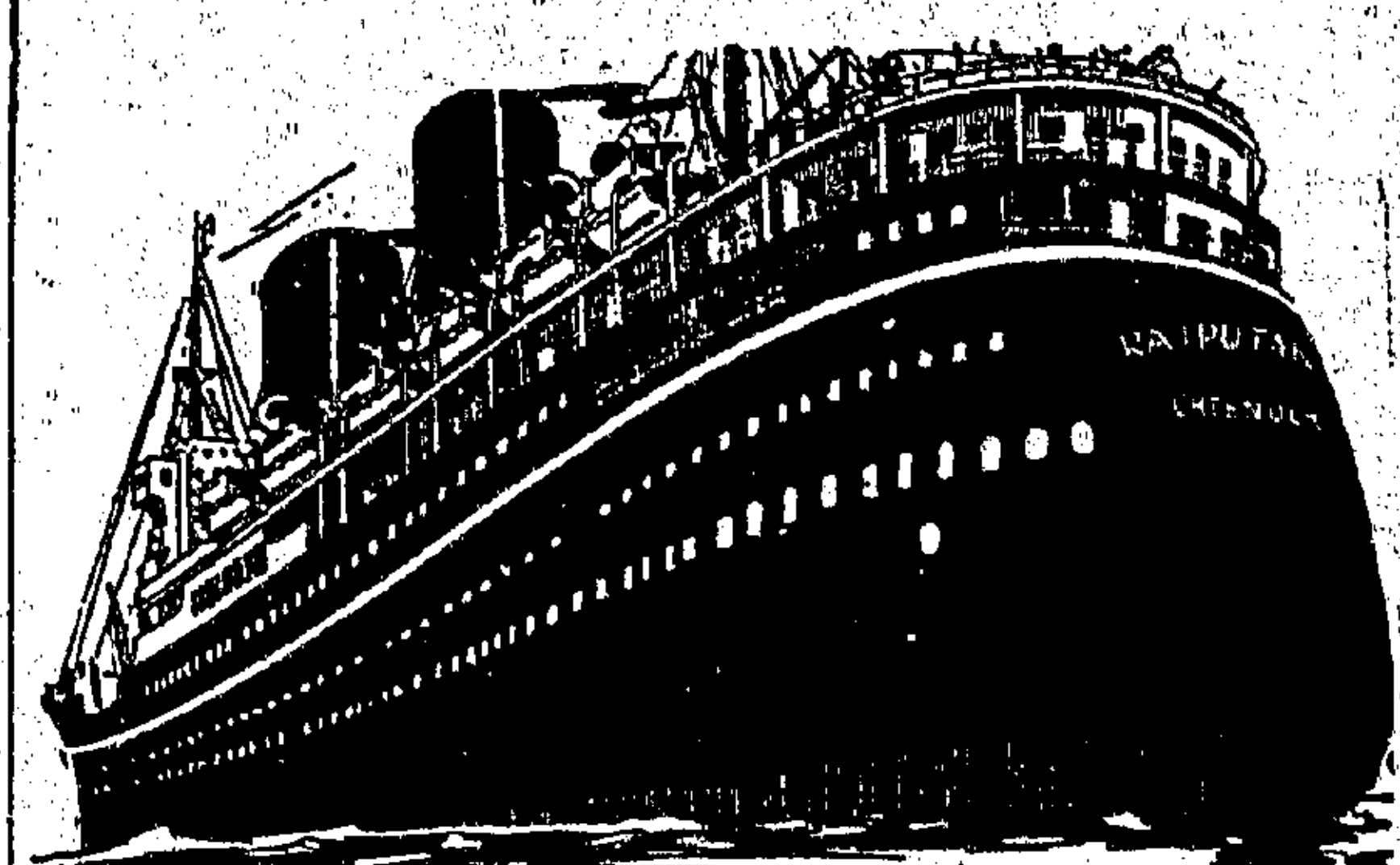
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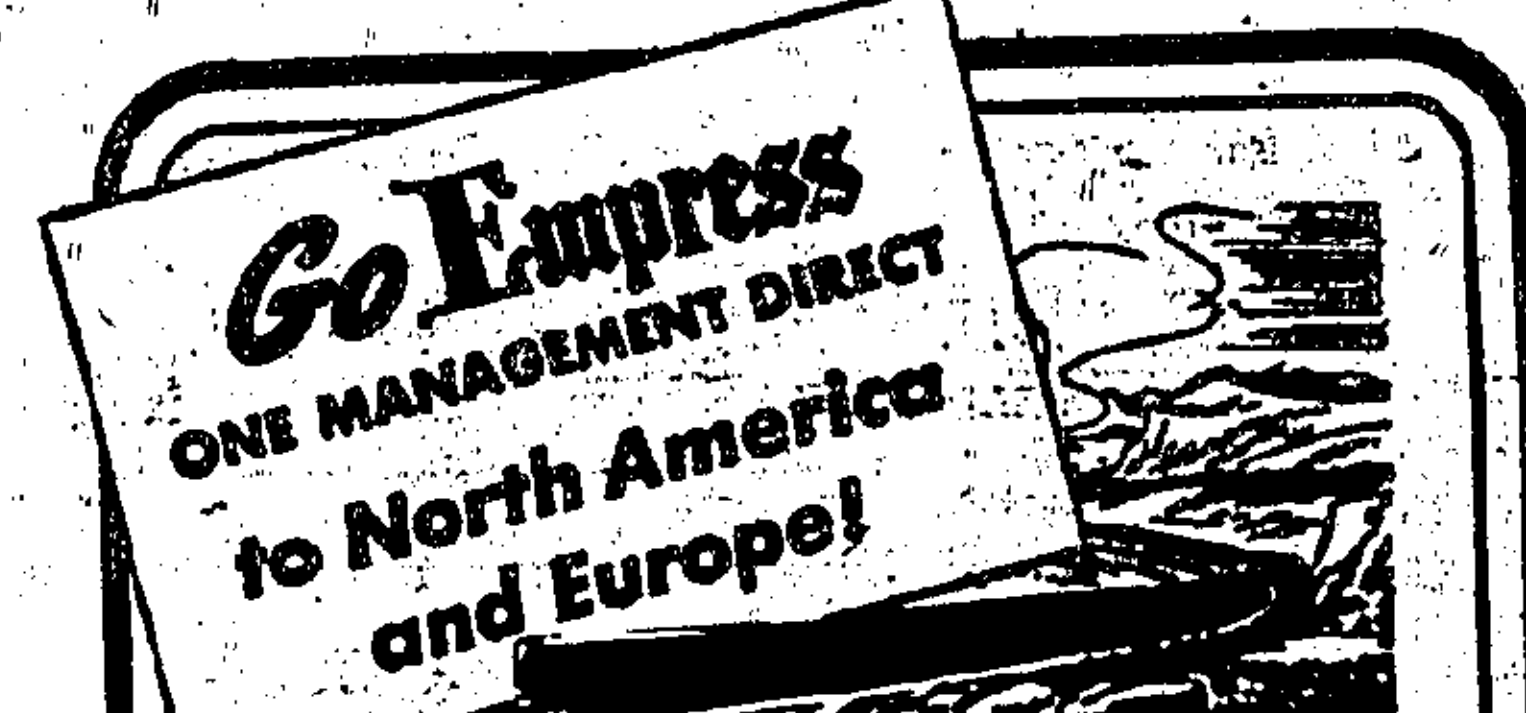
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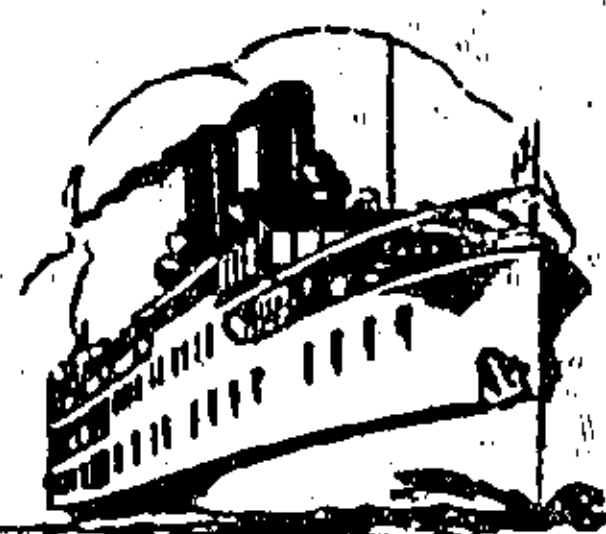
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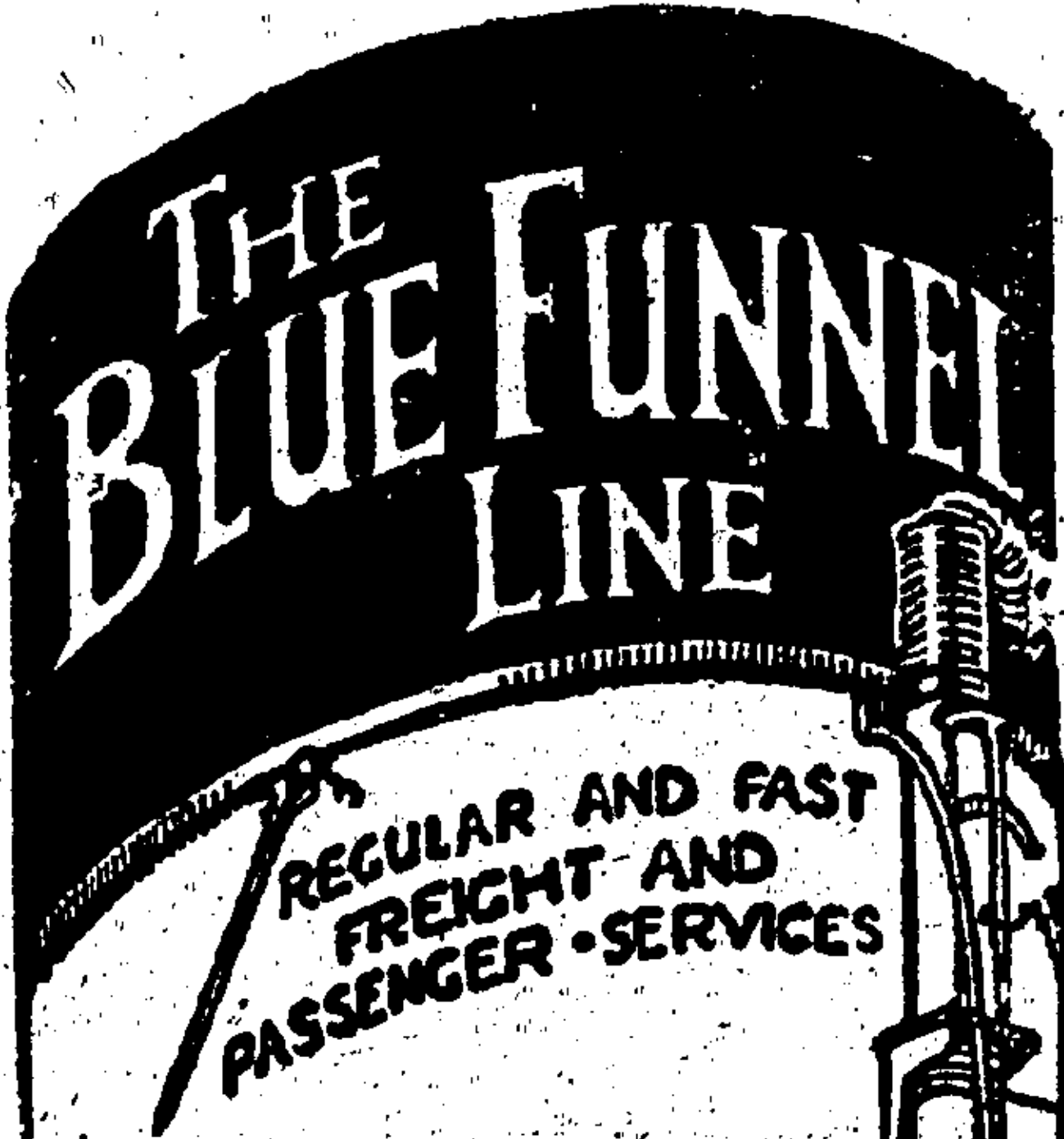
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A.K. Mackenzie Elected Captain Of R.H.K.G.C. At Annual Meeting

MR. A. K. MACKENZIE WAS ELECTED CAPTAIN OF THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB AT THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD YESTERDAY EVENING in the board room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. The new Captain will drive himself in on Dec. 29 when His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut.-Gen. E. F. Norton, C. B., D. S. O., M. C. will also pay his first visit to the Royal Hongkong Golf Club.

CLAIM FOR POSSESSION OF PREMISES

JUDGMENT FOR DEFENDANT

Judgment for the defendant was given by the Chief Justice, Sir Athol MacGregor, at the Supreme Court yesterday in the case in which Chung Yee Dai, administrator of the estate of the late Chung Man Kin, claimed possession of No. 267, Queen's Road West, of which the defendant, the Luen Fong firm, has been tenant for many years, and for mesne profits.

The Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almeida, jun., instructed by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Mr. B. C. Hobbs was for the defendant.

In the course of his judgment, his Lordship said that in the present case they had a letting of premises with the knowledge on the part of the lessor that, whatever other use the premises might be put to they would be used as a residence for the employees of the lessee and that in his judgment that knowledge and that use was sufficient to extend to the premises the protection of the Prevention of Eviction Ordinance, 1939.

In giving judgment for the defendant, his Lordship also made a declaration that an increase of rent by \$50 to \$200 was fair and reasonable.

(The full text of the judgment will appear on Monday).

MORE ALLOWANCES TO STUDENTS

To encourage more Mongolian and Tibetan youths to come into the interior for education, the Ministry of Education is said to have decided to substantially increase the allowances to the Mongolian and Tibetan students now studying in various schools in Free China, beginning from next term. The allowance for the senior students is to be increased to \$280 a year, while those for the junior grades are to be increased to \$230 and \$110 respectively. The new scale, when coming into force, will represent an increase of almost 100 per cent.—(Central News).

POLICE REPORTS

Miss Dodwell, of No. 301 The Peak, has reported the theft of three blankets, valued at \$25, on Thursday afternoon from her residence.

Chan Yip-king, of No. 63 Queen's Road Central, has reported the loss of money and jewellery worth \$156 from his house.

Miss Leung Chan-ming, residing at the Y.W.C.A., reports that while she was walking along Bonham Road on Thursday her wrist watch and handbag, valued at \$30, were snatched from her.

Clothing to the total value of \$49 has been reported stolen or lost by Chiu Ying, Army clothing contractor, of Gun Club Hill.

Ching Wing, master of the Wing Fung rice shop, has reported to the Police that a fork, 14 in. long, was stolen from the shop on Dec. 13 with \$139.50.

David John Dyer, the two-and-a-half year old son of Mr. W. J. Dyer, of No. 169 The Peak, was bitten by an Alsatian dog belonging to Mr. F. A. Norton. The dog has been sent to Kennedy Town for observation.

CROWN LAND SALE

Eight building lots in the New Territories, with areas ranging from 400 square feet to 5,000 square feet, were sold by the District Officer, South, yesterday, at prices ranging from \$4 to \$100. Seven agricultural lots, with acreages ranging from .09 to 2.23, were sold for from \$10 to \$240.

The retiring Captain, Mr. R. Young, in his speech, said, in part:

We have learned with regret of the deaths of six members—C. H. P. Hay, A. C. Hynes, R. E. Lindell, G. Murray, A. B. Stewart and R. E. H. Oliver—and I am sure you will all be sorry to note, amongst those who have passed on since our last meeting, the names of so many old friends and good sportsmen.

Your main interest, gentlemen, must necessarily lie with our Courses, and those of you who have been able to play during the year will, I trust, agree that these have been adequately maintained and are in good shape.

STAFF INTACT

Let me say how lucky we have been in retaining our staff almost intact, otherwise neither our organization nor our courses would do in the condition they are today. Our Secretary, Col. Matthews, is happy to carry on for the time being, and we continue to benefit by his services, after the long period of nearly 17 years devoted to the best interests of the Club. (Applause).

Our Superintendent, Mr. Hutchins, has taken personal charge of all departments at Fanning and is running these in a pleasant and cheerful manner to the apparent satisfaction of members.

Alterations to the courses have been confined to the very minimum. The direction in which extensions and improvements can be effected have not been lost sight of.

In connection with our Chinese Staff, you may be interested to know that a regular scale of wages is in force for all the Club servants.

Caddies, on the whole, have been satisfactory.

FULL PRIVILEGES

I am pleased to report that we have been able to continue to offer to our Service subscribers practically full privileges on all courses, and this has been greatly appreciated.

The evacuation of our ladies, defence duties and volunteer parades, the bad weather during summer months, and the breakdown of the railway, all obviously contributed in no small manner to the reduction of our income, and in certain directions to an increase in our expenditure.

From the balance sheet you will note that steady progress has been maintained in the Building Fund which now stands at over \$120,000 and this I think must be considered very satisfactory.

The balance of profit and loss account shows that in face of all the adverse circumstances with which we have had to contend, we failed to break even on the year's working by some \$350.

The Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended Sept. 1940. Mr. A. Ritchie seconded and the motion was carried.

The Chairman, in his capacity of retiring Captain, proposed the election of Mr. A. K. Mackenzie as Captain of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club.

Mr. A. E. Lissaman seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

NEW COMMITTEE

The following committee was then elected—D. H. Blake, A. D. Humphreys, F. D. Hunter, J. A. D. Morrison, H. E. Mundy, F. A. Redmond, A. Sommerfeld, G. C. Worrall and B. Young.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected Auditors. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the outgoing Captain and Committee, proposed by Mr. P. B. Cassidy.

PEARL CHURCH

4th Sunday in Advent. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. Christmas Day—8 a.m. Holy Communion.

HOCKEY UMPIRES' MEETING

NO CRITICISM REQUEST

That the Press should be requested to communicate to players that any action taken by the umpire in a hockey match game should not be criticised was the decision reached by the Hockey Umpires' Association meeting held last evening at St. Andrew's Church Hall.

After heated argument it also agreed that owing to insufficient referees in the Association, unqualified umpires, appointed by the Association, should be accepted as an official appointed and would receive fullest support from the Association.

The meeting also decided that umpires would be responsible for forwarding results of matches to the Association and cards for this purpose would be provided.

Capt. Martin, President of the Association, was in the chair.

H.K. Varsity Sports Teams In Macao

(Our Own Correspondent)

MACAO, Dec. 19.—Visiting Macao on a sports excursion, the Badminton and Hockey teams of the H.K. University provided local fans with an entertaining treat.

In the first of the hockey games, played on Tuesday afternoon at the Tapscott hockey ground, the Varsity eleven scored a close victory over the Liceu Infante D. Henrique by the score of one-nil. Hans Raj netting the only goal of the game.

The encounter between the Varsity and the Macao Hockey Club resulted in a hard-fought victory for the local players who scored 3-0 against the visiting team. Freddie Nolasco, Alex Alrova and Gupta Silva netted for the local side. Play was evenly distributed almost throughout, but towards the end of the game the Macao forwards attacked continuously and gave the visiting defenders a busy time until the final whistle blew.

BADMINTON

A representative crowd was present at the Macao Club last night to watch the badminton match between the Varsity and the Club teams. The visitors scored an easy victory throughout, but it is hoped that their visit will raise the enthusiasm for this indoor game which has been almost dormant locally.

The results of the badminton games were as follows:—W. H. Choy and S. Amplayanar (Univ.) beat H. Noronha and J. T. Silva, 21-7; beat A. Silva and A. Jorge, 21-6; beat F. Ribeiro and T. Rosario, 21-13.

T. C. Chen and S. L. Vong (Univ.) beat H. Noronha and J. T. Silva, 21-8; beat A. Silva and A. Jorge, 21-11; beat F. Ribeiro and T. Rosario, 21-5.

C. K. Cheah and M. S. Lim (Univ.) beat H. Noronha and J. T. Silva, 21-7; beat A. Silva and A. Jorge, 21-6; beat F. Ribeiro and T. Rosario, 21-12.

TABLE TENNIS: H.K. WIN

Hongkong defeated Macao by 4-1 in the Ladies' Interport table tennis series last evening in the Chinese Y.M.C.A.

Following were the scores:—Wong Oi-lan (H.K.) beat Law Sin, 21-14, 22-20; Mok Woon-king (H.K.) lost to Ho Sui-fan, 21-13, 18-21, 15-21; So Yim-hing (H.K.) beat Cheuk Yuet-ngan, 21-19, 21-17; Yeung Wai-bun (H.K. Capt.) beat Cheng Ching-hin (Capt.) 21-13, 21-11; Lo Chiu Yi (H.K.) beat Li Ying-nor, 21-11, 21-16.

THE WEATHER

Maximum temperature yesterday was 68 and the minimum 62. Total rainfall since January 1 is 117.59 inches against an average of 84.79.

The Royal Observatory report states:—A moderate anticyclone is centred over Manchuria and Korea. It is moving slowly eastward and decreasing in intensity.

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, 21st DECEMBER, 1940, 9.30 A.M.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

On Wednesday, 25th December, and Thursday, 26th December, the General Post Office and Branch Post Offices will be open as follows:—

Wednesday, 25th Thursday, 26th
General Post Office 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. 8 a.m. to noon
Kowloon Central Post Office 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. 8 a.m. to noon
Sheungwan Branch Post Office 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

All other Branch Post Offices and Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes each day as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, the 25th and at 11.30 a.m. on the Thursday, 26th.

There will also be one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day at 11.00 a.m. from the Branch Post Office at Stanley, Taiipo and Un Long.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

From	Due
Canton	21st Dec.
Sandakan	21st Dec.
Calcutta and Straits	22nd Dec.
Australia and Manila	22nd Dec.
Airmail by "British Overseas Airways Service" by sea from Singapore	24th Dec.
Canton	25th Dec.
London and Straits	25th Dec.
London and Straits	25th Dec.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai. (San Francisco date 8th December)	26th Dec.
U.S.A., Honolulu, and Manila. (San Francisco date 3rd December)	26th Dec.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date 17th December	27th Dec.
Java and Manila	27th Dec.
Swatow	28th Dec.
Canton	29th Dec.
Sandakan	30th Dec.
Calcutta and Straits	30th Dec.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date 24th December	31st Dec.
London and Straits	31st Dec.
Australia and Manila	3rd Jan.

OUTWARD MAILS

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

For	Date and Time
SATURDAY	Sat. 21st
Formosa and Shanghai	8.30 AM
Canton	8.30 PM
MONDAY	Mon. 23rd
Straits and Calcutta	Parcels 10.30 AM Letters 11.30 AM G.P.O. & K.P.O. Noon Reg. 2.15 PM Ord. 3.00 PM
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and United Kingdom via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only).	Note:—All Mails for United Kingdom will be forwarded with or without Superscription
TUESDAY	Tue. 24th
Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	Reg. 8.00 PM Ord. 8.30 PM
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa	Reg. 8.00 PM Ord. 8.30 PM
WEDNESDAY	Wed. 25th
Manila, Macassar and Sourabaya	8.30 AM
Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta	Par. 24th 5.00 PM Let. 25th 8.30 AM
THURSDAY	Thu. 26th
Canton	7.15 AM
Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	Reg. Noon Ord. Noon
FRIDAY	Fri. 27th
Straits	8.30 AM
Sandakan	8.30 AM
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and United Kingdom via San Francisco. (No Parcels for Canada and United Kingdom)	Parcels 4.00 PM Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services"	Reg. 8.00 PM Ord. 8.30 PM
SATURDAY	Sat. 28th
Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta	8.30 PM
MONDAY	Mon. 30th
Canton	7.15 AM
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mombasa, Belra, Lourenco Marques, and South Africa via Durban	8.30 PM
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Reg. 2.45 PM Ord. 3.30 PM

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